



Royce Pindell, Mayor

May 22, 2018

Stacey Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist
c/o ICF
9300 Lee Hwy.
Fairfax, VA 22031

Re: Spaceport Colorado Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Spaceport Facility License

Dear Ms. Zee,

The Town of Bennett supports the Front Range Airport's application for a spaceport facility license, and specifically for approval of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) currently under review.

As a leading aerospace state, with a vibrant aerospace economy, Colorado needs this spaceport to offer our commercial aerospace industry every option to remain competitive and cutting-edge. The Metro Denver area has universities, medical institutions, and satellite manufacturers who want access to sub-orbital, microgravity space for research and launch opportunities. In contrast to remotely located spaceports, Spaceport Colorado is accessible to more than 450 aerospace companies here in the state, and to thousands more around the world through connections at Denver International Airport. We in the Town of Bennett also realize that this will be a great opportunity for the area surrounding the space port which includes the Town of Bennett. We stand poised and ready for future residential and commercial growth associated with this endeavor and support its approval.

Our understanding of the Draft PEA is that the spaceport's future operations, with the use of the Type X vehicle, are compatible with operations at Denver International Airport and its carriers. Although we know that future take-off and landings of horizontal, reusable space planes may be years away, the opportunity to spark the development of an aerospace and technology park at Spaceport Colorado is economically beneficial to our community. When the FAA certifies flight operators that are suitable for Spaceport Colorado, we want to be ready to accommodate them.

Thank you for your support of Spaceport Colorado!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Royce Pindell", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor