

General Assembly State of Colorado Denver

May 24, 2018

Dr. George C. Nield & Acting Administrator Daniel K. Elwell Federal Aviation Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20591

Dear Dr. Nield & Administrator Elwell:

We write to strongly encourage you to grant Colorado a spaceport operator license. As state elected officials representing Adams County, we strive to do what is best for our community and we are supporters of the robust regional effort to develop Front Range Airport as Spaceport Colorado. The regional approach continues to provide great opportunities and amenities to our communities and Spaceport Colorado will successfully leverage the region's many existing assets, drive further growth in the commercial space arena, and prove to be a valuable national asset in the future growth of commercial space transportation.

Our aerospace and aviation economy is significantly important to Colorado employing over 55,000 employees and over \$15 billion in annual economic activity. Aerospace and aviation thrive in Colorado because of the existing workforce pipeline with some of the highest-ranking aerospace programs in our Colorado institutions of higher education in addition to the military expertise, science and research.

Front Range Airport is an excellent location with proximity to Denver International Airport yet also located on 3,200 acres of land and surrounded by over 7,000 acres of privately owned industrial property. It's both remote enough to assure safe horizontal launches, and close enough to accommodate for future customers in region.

Adams County has been working collaboratively with all levels of government to bring jobs to our communities and Spaceport Colorado is an exciting opportunity and we are in strong support.

Sincerely,

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