

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

We would like to thank you for championing the efforts to intelligently grow the unmanned aerial systems (UAS) industry across the United States. As you are undoubtedly aware, this is an industry that has tremendous economic development growth potential.

In the 2012 FAA Reauthorization Act Congress tasked the FAA with creating six UAS test sites. We understand you are undertaking this task and have begun the test site selection process. With this in mind, we strongly urge you to consider choosing Florida as a location for a UAS test site.

Space Florida is representing Florida's collaborative efforts in response to the UAS test site designation. Their focus is the overarching objective to support the safe integration into the national airspace to allow UAS technology, both platform and sensor, to support civilian applications while importantly protecting citizens' right to privacy.

Instead of a single location for a test site, Space Florida's initiative leverages the capabilities from around the state including ranges, simulation centers, airspace, unique FAA approved next generation systems, university curriculums and industry partners supporting Department of Defense and commercial businesses that have assessed significant value to using the technology in their daily business operations or responsibilities.

Florida boasts a highly skilled workforce, favorable tax structure, hosts an environment unsurpassed in friendliness to the national aviation and defense community, world class universities, and many other features that would significantly benefit the FAA. We, members of the Florida Congressional delegation, encourage you to thoroughly review Florida as one of your potential six UAS test sites.

We look forward to our continued partnership toward UAS integration and economic growth.

Sincerely,



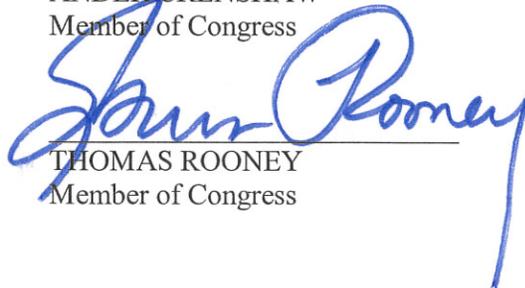
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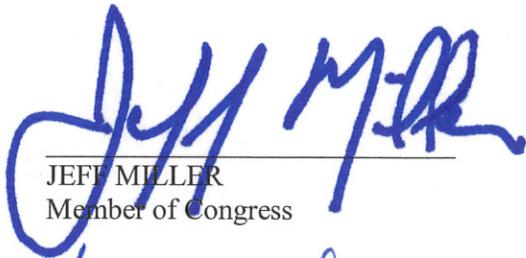
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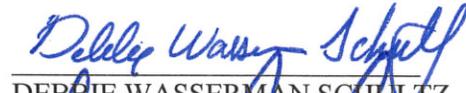
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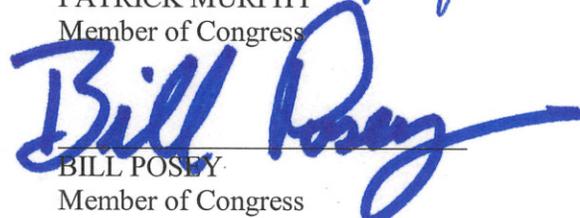

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