



May 12, 2014

Dr. George C. Nield
Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
US Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Dr. Nield:

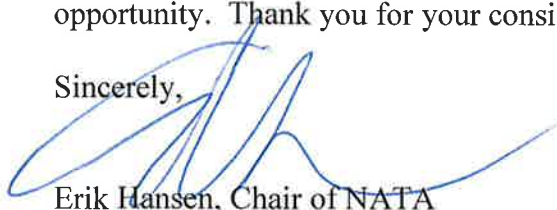
The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a partnership of public and private entities working to identify, develop, advocate and lobby for transportation solutions that will enhance mobility, drive economic development and reduce traffic congestion in the north area. Because economic development is a key driver for NATA, we strongly support Colorado's efforts to endorse a spaceport site operator's license for Front Range Airport. As you consider the merits of this application, we respectfully request you consider Colorado's leadership in space research and development as well as the broad support from the region for this proposal.

Aviation and aerospace are significant economic drivers in Colorado. The aerospace industry in Colorado currently employs over 66,000 highly-skilled workers and generates over \$16 billion annually in economic activity. Colorado is proud to be home to some of the highest ranking aerospace engineering programs in the country that consistently top the list of high-tech graduates each year. Colorado is also home to several military space operations and has one of the highest concentrations of federal research and science labs in the nation. By leveraging all of this experience and expertise in the aerospace sector, Colorado is well-positioned to play a key role in the continued development of private commercial space transportation.

In a state which boasts much success through academic and professional leadership in the aerospace industry, Front Range Airport is uniquely positioned for success in the developing spaceport industry. With its natural advantages and close proximity to Colorado's aerospace community, Front Range Airport is well-suited to operate a spaceport site operator's license.

Approving this license is of critical importance to the region as well as the entire state of Colorado. Without hesitation, NATA endorses Front Range Airport in its pursuit of this opportunity. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Erik Hansen, Chair of NATA