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Administrator Michael Huerta  
Orville Wright Building (FOB10A)  
FAA National Headquarters  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20591

RE: Front Range Airport Sequestration Impacts

Dear Administrator Huerta:

I am writing to express my concern over the planned closure of the Front Range Airport (FTG) Air Traffic Control Tower as a result of the pending sequestration budget cuts.

The FTG Airport is a significant general aviation reliever airport for the Denver International Airport. The two airports are within a few miles of each other, and the Class B airspace cutout for FTG necessitates the need for an air traffic control tower to ensure safe and efficient operations at both airports.

In addition, the FTG is preparing a license to become a Spaceport facility. The Colorado Division of Aeronautics provided \$275,000 in funding to assist with preparation of the license. The Division, along with other local governmental entities including DIA, believes in the potential for FTG to become a significant facility in this emerging private-sector industry. We believe the closure of this air traffic control tower will negatively impact the consideration of the Spaceport application and the initial financial contributions that exceed \$850,000 for this endeavor.

The Division of Aeronautics respectfully asks that the FTG air traffic control facility remain open for the benefit of the traveling public and the efficient utilization of the air space surrounding the Denver Metropolitan area.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this in more detail. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS



Director  
Division of Aeronautics