



Opening the future for business in Jefferson county, Colorado

May 14, 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:

As the economic development organization representing Jefferson County, Colorado, we would like to offer our staunch support for Front Range Airport's application for a spaceport facility license, and specifically for approval of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) currently under review.

Colorado is home to the nation's second largest aerospace economy and understands the importance of this industry to our state and nation's economic vitality. As such, Colorado continually seeks ways to remain competitive and on the cutting edge of industry advances. The approval of the spaceport facility will not only support these goals, but will allow Colorado's 450 existing aerospace companies, research and medical institutions and satellite manufactures the access to sub-orbital, microgravity space for research and launch opportunities. Colorado is a leader in the aerospace industry and Spaceport Colorado will propel the state's opportunities for advancement.

It is our understanding 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 critical to the State and its surrounding communities. Colorado has its eye on the mark and wants to be ready to accommodate any FAA certified flight operators that are deemed suitable for Spaceport Colorado.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to a hearing of a successful outcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristi Pollard".

Kristi Pollard
President & CEO
Jefferson County Economic Development Corp.

