

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 9, 2014

Mr. Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

The Oklahoma Congressional delegation is aware that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced on December 30, 2013, the selection of the six public entities (test sites) that will remain in place until February 13, 2017. As you know, the *FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012* and the *National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012* mandated the FAA's collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Department of Defense in order to move forward with the integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the U.S. airspace.

As such, we are requesting a detailed briefing for the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, in conjunction with Governor Fallin's representatives that submitted Oklahoma's UAS proposal. We believe a joint briefing will provide a forum for a focused discussion regarding the decision, as well as assuage any concerns regarding the disclosure of proprietary information. Among other issues, we would like to understand what criteria the FAA used in selecting the test sites, beyond the broad requirements detailed in the *FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012*. Oklahoma will continue to grow its UAS sector. The state remains one of the top innovation and testing centers of the UAS industry anywhere in the world and we will continue to take the steps necessary to create an environment conducive to job creation and investment.

We look forward to scheduling the briefing the week of January 13, 2014. Maria Bowie on Rep. Tom Cole's staff is the primary point of contact regarding this request and can be reached at (202) 225-6165 or maria.bowie@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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