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The Honorable Michael Huerta
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Dear Secretary Huerta and Mr. Williams:

On behalf of California Governor Brown, we serve on the Governor's Military Council to support military, national security and aerospace operations in California. Our bipartisan group, comprised of retired flag officers, civic leaders and state legislators, works to support public policy that advances national and state goals for these sectors, and to strengthen California's support for military operations in our state.

We are writing to express support for the UAS-INSIGHT team's application to be designated as the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Four California universities have joined with 25 academic research institutions from 13 states to explore the safe integration of UAS into the National Airspace. This academic team is co-led by the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Maryland, and in partnership with leading industry is eminently prepared to examine some of the most challenging issues surrounding this process.

California has a long history of innovation in the aerospace industry, and remains at the forefront of UAS technology development. Researchers at its institutions have pioneered many new uses of UAS from precision agriculture to firefighting, and demonstrated industry leaders have agreed to join this team in its effort. Furthermore, as the established center of gravity for military UAS research, California's industry and academic institutions have decades of experience in developing and testing these systems and their applications.

The UAS-INSIGHT team's proposal will leverage the collaborative strengths of higher education, industry, and government to develop deployable solutions that increase the safety, efficiency, reliability, and security of our national airspace transportation networks. Its diverse

constituency and program will bring together researchers on key issues, critical technologies, and public policy and law, enabling researchers to develop and promote operational strategies to mitigate the increasing congestion and safety concerns of our nation's airspace. It will also give the FAA the best opportunity to understand the training requirements, operational specifications, and technology considerations that are key to the safe use of UAS. The team's bi-coastal leadership and participation from universities nation-wide will ensure that it is effectively able to coordinate well with all test sites, and to explore the full climatic and operational range of the National Airspace.

We strongly believe that there is no team better poised to achieve the FAA's important goal of safely integrating UAS into the national airspace, and urge you to select UAS-INSIGHT as the UAS Center of Excellence. We look forward to future progress on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

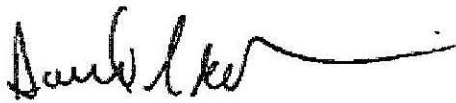
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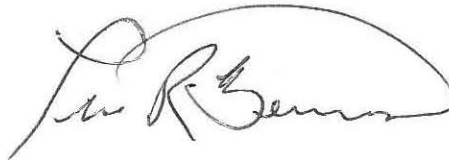
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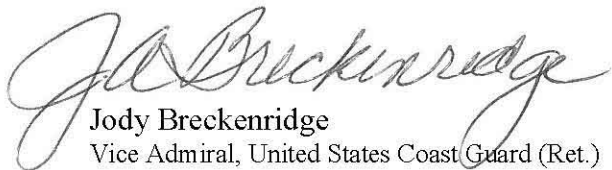
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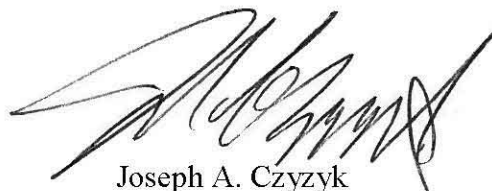
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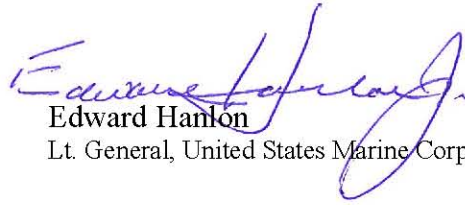
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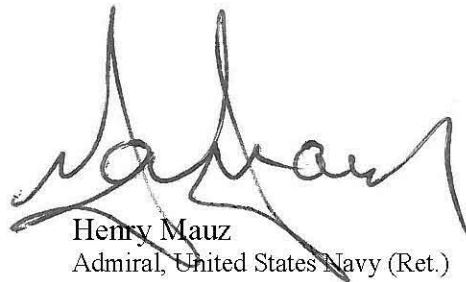
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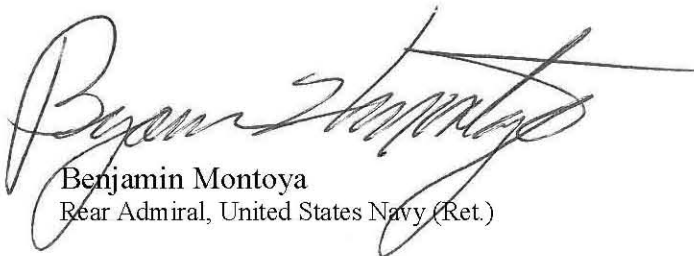
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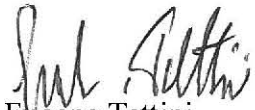
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