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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing on behalf of The New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA), an aviation industry advocate organization established in 1976 as the voice of New York's aviation industry, promoting the benefits of airports to communities, the state, and the state's economy and advocating for the overall betterment of aviation. We commit to working with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in planning the applications of UAS for the use cases with a specific interest in airport centric applications as part of the SMART Grant Program. To support the project and its partners, NYAMA commits to the following:

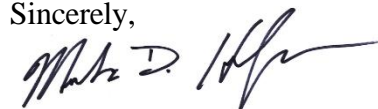
- Collaboration to share our past experiences, successes, and lessons learned on applying UAS technology and the benefits they can provide to New York,
- Work together with NYSDOT to support their development of the capability as well as improve and continue the maturity and deployment of NYSDOT's UAS programs including education and workforce development,
- Coordinate with New York stakeholders to explore potential applications for UAS technology insertion in airport environments,
- Provide guidance and expertise on how this technology can ultimately be deployed across the state of New York.

This commitment is new, specific, and measurable in the following ways:

- Represents NYAMA's larger commitment to applying UAS technologies to the benefit of the State's transportation infrastructure to enable economic growth through transportation efficiency and safety throughout the State.
- Provides NYSDOT and their partner organizations with the benefits or our experience in implementing UAS technologies to transportation systems and, in return, receive information about NYSDOT's implementation plans and experiences.

In conclusion, NYAMA is proud to commit to this partnership to provide our expertise and support where possible to help NYSDOT continue to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system using modern tools and technologies.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Heefner, President
New York Aviation Management Association