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The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
United States Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Administrator Huerta,

As you develop the micro unmanned aircraft systems (micro UAS) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC), I urge you to give full and fair consideration to Horizon Hobby, LLC to serve and provide important input during this process. Horizon's years of development and manufacturing experience in the micro UAS industry make the company uniquely positioned to provide needed input for the development of the FAA's NPRM on micro UAS.

Founded in 1985 and headquartered in Champaign, Illinois, Horizon is an industry leading designer and developer of micro UAS products. It has invested and continues to invest heavily in innovation right here in America. Horizon's Champaign based UAS development and technical staff boasts more than 110 employees. Importantly, the company has been developing and manufacturing micro UAS systems for nearly 10 years.

As an experienced innovator of small UAS products, Horizon would bring unique and under-represented perspectives to the UAS ARC. Horizon employs subject matter experts related to all facets of remote controlled aircraft, including some of the best and most experienced RC aircraft pilots in the world. Unique compared to UAS ARC members, Horizon is a designer, developer and retailer of more than 150 different micro-sized RC aircraft models. All of these factors, coupled with the fact Horizon also has a commercial UAS subsidiary, would provide the micro UAS ARC with a unique and valuable perspective.

Importantly, Horizon has been active throughout various regulatory and legislative processes, submitting comments to each recent FAA action and working actively with my office to ensure its unique voice is heard.

It is my strong belief that the micro UAS ARC will be better served by the participation of Horizon Hobby in this process. I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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