

August 15, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We applaud the Biden-Harris Administration for its efforts to support and enable advanced aviation technologies, as evidenced by the first-of-its-kind White House (WH) Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Summit, which took place on August 3, 2022. The WH AAM Summit provided an excellent, thoughtful engagement opportunity for leaders from government, industry, and academia to advance societal benefits created by uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) – also known as drones – and electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. Building on the WH AAM Summit's momentum, the Administration has a significant opportunity now to initiate executive action and to work with Congress on maintaining and expanding American leadership in advanced aviation.

Since the takeoff of the Wright brothers' airplane in 1903, the United States has led the world in aerospace technology and policy. With many countries around the world progressing ahead of the United States in this new era of flight, our country is at risk of losing our global leadership in the next generation of aviation. Pioneering these innovative aviation technologies is important for the economy, safety, the environment, and equity. From the national security perspective, enabling U.S. leadership represents a strategic imperative in a market long characterized by state-subsidized companies based in countries of concern.

The advancement of UAS/AAM technology benefits all Americans—including those in underserved and difficult to reach communities—and democratizes aviation, opening new mobility opportunities for all. Advances in hardware and information technology have prompted an aviation revolution, with drones as vital tools that create jobs, spur growth, protect the environment, deliver goods, inspect critical infrastructure, expand equitable and efficient access to medicines, strengthen our economy, and enhance public safety. AAM (including eVTOLs) will transform how urban and rural communities live and commute by maximizing mobility efficiency, bolstering cargo and logistics, and creating pathways to manufacturing jobs and other ladders of social and economic opportunity. The benefits of advanced aviation align with Biden-Harris policy priorities and U.S. Department of Transportation strategic goals of safety, economic strength & global competitiveness, equity, climate & sustainability, and transformation.

The Biden-Harris Administration is uniquely positioned to call on the government, industry, and society to come together to lead the world in advanced aviation. Unlocking the immense benefits of these industries requires appropriate executive action to implement a whole-of-government approach, including national policies and priorities to support and advance UAS/AAM deployment. The most impactful path forward would be to implement concrete direction in the form of an Executive Order or Presidential Memorandum. Such executive action should declare it the policy of the United States to lead the world in the development and deployment of uncrewed, autonomy-enabled, and eVTOL aircraft, and direct the development of a government-wide strategy to strengthen U.S. competitiveness in advanced aviation.

The WH AAM Summit marked a strong step forward. We look forward to working with the Biden-Harris Administration to continue the work of maintaining and expanding American leadership and competitiveness for AAM.

Sincerely,

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