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Honorable Representative Shelley Hughes
State of Alaska-House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 409
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Support for HB 255 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site

Dear Representative Hughes:

The City of Fairbanks supports military and related research operations in Interior Alaska, and particularly the proposed University of Alaska Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations training program.

The Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex, south of our community, is a premiere environment for military training and provides the largest restricted airspace in the United States. Fort Wainwright is also part of the City of Fairbanks and we embrace the Air Force members from Eielson Air Force Base. **We are a military community** and we support industries that provide research and tools for the military forces.

The addition of the operations training program under the University of Alaska is a feasible plan and an investment in our future. Our community is ideal due to our access to aircraft training sites and housing and amenities for personnel.

Thank you for creating this opportunity for the people of the Interior.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor John Eberhart

cc: City Council Members