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Dear AUVSI Executive Committee,

It is my pleasure to provide a letter of support for the creation of an Oklahoma chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. Our state has an emerging unmanned aerial systems industry that is growing quickly and is receiving national and international attention. Our emerging UAS industry is fast becoming a model of successful collaboration between industry, universities and state government all working together toward a common vision and goal to advance the state's UAS and aerospace vision and mission. A leading component of Oklahoma's strategic vision for UAS development is the Oklahoma State University Multispectral Laboratory (UML). The UML has established a unique facility in collaboration with the US Army to allow UAS demonstrations and testing in restricted airspace at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Additionally, coordinated plans are underway to establish several Certificates of Authorization to allow UAS testing at various other sites within the state and the establishment of a UAS air corridor. Finally, a recent agreement between OSU, the UML, the US Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration is designed to develop technologies that would allow the use of UAS in testing electronic approach and landing systems at civilian and military airports throughout the US.

The State of Oklahoma has a long history and legacy of innovation and success in aerospace. Aerospace is one of our leading industries in the state and a major contributor to our economic health and vitality. One of the goals of my administration is to continue to build on that legacy and help Oklahoma move forward into the exciting new frontiers of aerospace such as UAS. I am establishing an Unmanned-Systems Advisory Council under the leadership of the Cabinet Secretary of Science & Technology, Dr. Stephen McKeever, to advise and make recommendations to me concerning the growth of this technology and business sector in Oklahoma.

Our Unmanned Systems Alliance of Oklahoma (USA-OK) provides a strong foundation for an AUVSI chapter and demonstrates the willingness of our UAS stakeholders to develop strong collaborative relationships within our state. I am confident that our state AUVSI chapter would be a strong asset for both AUVSI as well as the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Fallin".

Mary Fallin
Governor