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March 20, 2017

The Honorable Caryn Tyson
Chair
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Kansas Legislature
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: HB2036 – Establishing the Aviation Grant Program to Develop the Aviation Industry in Kansas

Dear Senator Tyson:

The Salina Airport Authority supports the provisions of HB2036 due to the importance of attracting and retaining Kansas UAS industry employers and employees. In order to maintain Kansas' leadership in the UAS industry sector, both employers and employees should be provided incentives that motivate the use of Kansas engineering and technology institutions for UAS training. HB2036 positions Kansas to compete for new UAS industry growth.

The companies that are pioneering the commercial use of UAS aircraft and sensors are looking for locations offering public and private partnerships. HB2036 sends a clear signal that Kansas welcomes UAS growth and is willing to partner with the UAS industry.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Respectively submitted,

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY



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Cc: State Representative J. R. Claeys