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Colorado Springs City Council  
107 N. Nevada Avenue, Suite 300  
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**RE: Letter of Support regarding the expansion of the Commercial Aeronautical Zone (CAZ)**

Honorable President Bennett and Members of City Council:

The Colorado Springs Airport Advisory Commission has been fully briefed by Airport management regarding the proposed expansion of the Commercial Aeronautical Zone beyond its existing boundaries, and we fully support this endeavor.

Since its inception in April 2014, the CAZ program has far exceeded expectations by creating nearly 100 jobs and generating greater than anticipated demand for development at and near the COS Airport. In light of this success, the Airport Advisory Commission recommends expanding the CAZ boundaries beyond its existing geographical boundaries to include properties currently located outside the CAZ but within the State of Colorado's Enterprise Zone boundaries within City limits and contiguous with existing geographical CAZ boundaries adjacent to the Airport. This ensures consistency with the current State's tax exemption program while catalyzing job growth and driving private investment in Colorado Springs.

The Airport Advisory Commission is committed to supporting the City's goal in fostering economic development activities via retention, expansion and attraction of businesses at the Airport, and we strongly believe this plan follows that path.

Therefore, the Airport Advisory Commission strongly encourages City Council to approve the Airport's proposed expansion of the Commercial Aeronautical Zone.

Sincerely,

Andrew Biancur  
Chairman

cc: Dan Gallagher, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Airport  
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