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RE: FAA Docket No. FAA–2015–2776 and Airspace Docket No. 15–AEA–5

Dear Mr. Norek:

The Virginia Department of Aviation wishes to state support for the efforts to expand restricted airspace near Wallop's Island, that action being described in the docket references above.

NASA Wallops Flight Facility has a long history of research and operations excellence, that period now spanning seven decades. The Commonwealth is proud to have this vital asset within our borders, and further is proud of the record of achievements emanating from Wallops regarding space exploration and aeronautical research.

We believe expansion of the airspace as proposed is unobtrusive to the flying public, knowing that the protocol of utilization will only have the airspace "hot" when aeronautical testing is underway.

Therefore we respectfully submit our support for the expansion of the restricted area and ask that you seek our further feedback should that be your desire.

Sincerely,

Randall P Burdette