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To: Mr. Steven Pansky, Science Applications International Corporation
Mr. John Steventon, FAA

Re: Requested Declaration of Compliance

Messrs Pansky and Steventon,

I am writing on behalf of Hidalgo County to affirm that the McAllen Independent School District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas within Hidalgo County, Texas. It is my understanding the McAllen ISD Police Department was created by the Board of Trustees of the McAllen Independent School District pursuant to their authority under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code. As such, McAllen ISD and the Police Department which operates under the authority of the Board of Trustees is a political subdivision of the State of Texas for the purposes of satisfying 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(41)(c) which defines “public aircraft.”

The McAllen Independent School District Police Department has advised Hidalgo County that they will not fly any aircraft for commercial purposes and will therefore operate their small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) as a public aircraft not for compensation or hire.

Respectfully,