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Captain Steve Dickson
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Dickson:

On behalf of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) and our more than 11,000 member companies, thank you for participating in our town hall on March 3. As business aviation navigates the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate the unwavering commitment of the thousands of dedicated FAA employees to operating a safe National Airspace System (NAS).

We applaud your announcement of the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Integration Executive Council during our town hall. NBAA is working closely with leading AAM companies on the safe integration of these operations into the NAS, and we look forward to directly engaging with the newly formed Executive Council. Similar to NBAA’s engagement on groups like the NextGen Advisory Council, we stand ready to support the AAM Integration Executive Council’s important work.

As we discussed during the townhall, AAM operations present exciting opportunities for our aviation system’s future provided that we can come together around a diverse set of issues. For example, airport access, air traffic, and community relations matters cross business lines at FAA. NBAA has a long history of successfully navigating related issues at GA airports, and involving industry with the Executive Council’s work will help us effectively prepare for safe AAM operations.

With the AAM market estimated to reach $115 billion annually by 2035 and create 300,000 jobs, this is a historic opportunity for aviation in the United States. On-demand AAM provides a path for the U.S. to maintain its position as the world leader in civil aviation, and there are significant opportunities for GA and our talented workforce to fly people and products where they need to be when they need to be there. Also, the electric propulsion technology that AAM companies are pioneering will lead to a more sustainable aviation industry. To realize the full benefits of these new technologies, the business aviation community and our AAM partners look forward to working closely with your leadership team and the Executive Council.

Thank you again for participating in NBAA’s townhall and for your exceptional leadership over the past year. We are excited about what the future holds for aviation in the United States and will stay in close coordination with you and your team.

Sincerely,

Ed Bolen
President & CEO