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Des Plaines, IL 60018

June 10, 2020

City of Joliet  
Mr. Steve Jones  
Interim City Manager  
150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60432

Mr. Jones,

This letter is to acknowledge that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will not oppose an annexation requested by the City of Joliet on the property owned by the United States of America located at 25513 S Rowell Road in Jackson Township in the State of Illinois. This property contains an FAA facility that is vital to the operation of the National Airspace System.

The FAA does not oppose an annexation under 65 ILCS 5/7-1-2 as requested by a Corporate Authority of the City of Joliet pursuant to the above Statute to allow for the necessary contiguity of the unincorporated parcels including the FAA property and property owned by other entities.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (847)294-7294 or via email at [Rebecca.macpherson@faa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.macpherson@faa.gov), or Rebecca Holmes, FAA Attorney, at (817)222-5064 or via email at [Rebecca.a.holmes@faa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.a.holmes@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

Rebecca B. MacPherson  
Regional Administrator  
Great Lakes Region



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City of Joliet  
Mr. Steve Jones  
Interim City Manager  
150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60472

June 25, 2020

Mr. Jones,

As you may be aware, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has recently received several emails from residents in and around the City of Joliet asking the FAA to withdraw its June 10, 2020 letter to you. That letter acknowledged that the FAA will not oppose the annexation of the property owned by the United States of America located at 22513 S Rowell Road in Jackson Township, Illinois by the City of Joliet. This property contains an FAA facility that is vital to the operation of the National Airspace System (NAS). I am clarifying the FAA's position with regard to the annexation of the property to clear up any confusion that may exist.

The FAA's June 10, 2020 letter neither supports nor opposes the annexation of the property by the City of Joliet. If the property is annexed, the United States of America will retain Federal ownership and control of the property, and the FAA will retain the right to access the property in order to maintain the federally-owned equipment necessary for safety and efficiency of the NAS. Likewise, nothing in this letter or the June 10, 2020 letter should be interpreted as support of or objection to the underlying project apparently driving the annexation. The FAA does not involve itself in local matters that do not affect its requirement to protect the NAS. The FAA trusts community concerns related to the contemplated annexation and related matters will be addressed through the process laid out in 65 ILCS 5/7-1-2.

I trust this clears up any misunderstandings. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (847)294-7294 or via email at [Rebecca.Macpherson@faa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Macpherson@faa.gov), or Rebecca Holmes, FAA Attorney, at (817)222-5064 or via email at [Rebecca.a.holmes@faa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.a.holmes@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Rebecca B. MacPherson  
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