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Mr. Scott Miller
Associate Dean for Industry Partnerships and Outreach
Ohio University
Russ College of Engineering and Technology

Subject: **Digital Engineering and Digital Twin Development for Advanced Air Mobility Vehicles**

Dear Mr. Miller:

The City of Springfield, Ohio is pleased to support the Ohio University/UDRI PDAC FY2025 request for **Digital Engineering and Digital Twin Development for Advanced Air Mobility Vehicles.**

The City of Springfield has significant interests in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), with over $17 million worth of investments located at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport focused on the development of AAM technology. As home to the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence and state of the art Beyond Visual Line of Site (BVLOS) flight testing range, the City of Springfield and our Ohio AAM stakeholders stand to benefit greatly from the proposed **Digital Engineering and Digital Twin Development Program.**

With the growing AAM research, testing and demonstration capabilities at Springfield-Beckley, combined with Joby's recent announcement for it's manufacturing facility near the Dayton Airport, the City of Springfield strongly supports the requirements for project engineering and workforce development to be funded by the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Franzen

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City of Springfield, Ohio