

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 30, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are reaching out to offer our support for the public-private partnership between the City of Reno and their partners, led by Flirtey, for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Pilot Program. We appreciate your consideration of this application.

As you may know, Flirtey is headquartered in Reno, Nevada, and serves as a leading drone delivery service that is pioneering life-saving applications of drone delivery technology. In October 2017, Flirtey partnered with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA), an ambulance and care flight emergency medical services provider, to launch the first automated external defibrillator (AED) drone delivery service in the United States. Flirtey's efforts have gained community support, including from the Reno Police Department, Reno Fire Department, a local hospital, a local community college, the American Red Cross, commercial partners, and other local entities.

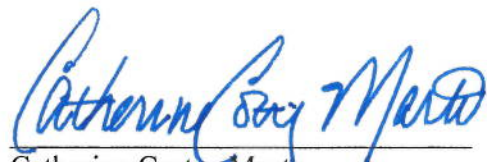
As a supporter of Flirtey and the hub and facilitator in this effort, the City of Reno sees this as a critical opportunity to save lives, improve quality of life in the region, and enhance Nevada and the City's standing as a leader in UAS technology and policy. Flirtey's participation offers the DOT and the FAA a use case for how to save lives using UAS. For example, just one of Flirtey's drones carrying AEDs and operating in an area with the population density of Reno will save one life every two weeks. When scaled across the nation, this has the potential to increase the cardiac arrest survival rate significantly.

Again, we appreciate your consideration of this application. Please reach out should you have any questions, and we appreciate the opportunity to continue working together to move forward this critical industry in a safe and efficient manner.

Sincerely,



Dean Heller
U.S. Senator



Catherine Cortez Masto
U.S. Senator

CC: Acting Administrator Daniel Elwell
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20004