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March 18, 2024

Mr. Rob Premo  
Director  
Raspet Flight Research Laboratory, Mississippi State University  
114 Airport Road  
Starkville, MS 39759

Dear Mr. Premo,

On behalf of the City of Starkville, I'm pleased to submit this letter of support for the planned expansion of Mississippi State University's Raspet Flight Research Laboratory at George M. Bryan field in the City of Starkville.

We have just celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the work that Dr. Raspet and the Raspet lab and MSU have achieved. They have proven themselves as vital community partners who drive innovation and create new opportunities in partnership with the surrounding community. For those seeking business development opportunities, Raspet is one of our community's research gems. Physical expansion and upgrade for its future fit in with the understanding that research never rests. It must continue to grow and stretch to achieve the most in its field. Its physical space will enhance its abilities to continue growing its research staff and allow its physical presence to better match its research prowess.

I been witness over the many years to that growth and development. Please know how incredibly important the work you do means to our success. I am pleased to present my strong support for your efforts toward that growth and dynamic research. It enhances the City of Starkville to have such a strong presence in cutting edge aviation technology. We are the better for your work.

Sincerely,

D. Lynn Spruill  
Mayor, City of Starkville



March 20, 2024

Mr. Rob Premo  
Director  
Raspel Flight Research Laboratory, Mississippi State University  
114 Airport Road  
Starkville, MS 39759

Dear Mr. Premo,

On behalf of the Golden Triangle Development LINK, I am writing to express our support for the planned expansion of Mississippi State University's Raspel Flight Research Laboratory at George M. Bryan Field in the City of Starkville. This significant initiative marks a crucial step forward in advancing aviation research and fostering innovation in our community.

Our organizations has had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the remarkable contributions that Mississippi State University (MSU) has made to our region's economic and technological landscape. The Raspel Flight Research Laboratory, with its rich history of pioneering aerospace research, stands as a testament to MSU's commitment to excellence in scientific exploration.

The proposed expansion of the Raspel Flight Research Laboratory represents an exciting opportunity to further enhance the capabilities of this esteemed institution. By investing in state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge technologies, MSU will not only strengthen its position as a leader in aerospace research but also attract top talent and industry partnerships to our area. This expansion aligns perfectly with the vision of the LINK to promote growth and innovation throughout our region.

The benefits of this expansion extend far beyond the confines of academia. By fostering collaboration between university researchers, industry stakeholders, and government agencies, the Raspel Flight Research Laboratory will drive economic growth, create high-quality jobs, and inspire the next generation of innovators. The ripple effects of this investment will be felt throughout our community for years to come.



In light of these considerations, I urge you to lend your full support to the planned expansion of Mississippi State University's Raspet Flight Research Laboratory. By joining forces with MSU and other key stakeholders, we can seize this extraordinary opportunity to propel our region to new heights of prosperity and achievement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meryl Fisackerly", written in a cursive style.

Meryl Fisackerly  
COO GTR LINK

# STARKVILLE-OKTIBBEHA COUNTY AIRPORT GEORGE M. BRYAN FIELD

CITY OF STARKVILLE - OKTIBBEHA COUNTY - MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
120 AIRPORT ROAD  
STARKVILLE, MS 39759

March 25, 2024

Mr. Rob Premo Director  
Raspet Flight Research Laboratory, Mississippi State University  
114 Airport Road  
Starkville, MS 39759

Dear Mr. Premo:

We are pleased to offer our full support for the RFRL renovation project as a longstanding aviation partner.

George M. Bryan Airport, centrally located in Starkville, Mississippi, holds a significant place in our community's history, dating back to its establishment in the mid-20th century. Over time, we have observed the profound impact of RFRL on our locality, driving innovation and fostering growth.

RFRL's increasing prominence in research has not only enhanced our region's standing but also spurred economic development, creating employment opportunities, and retaining local talent. With RFRL's track record of nurturing successful ventures in aviation, this expansion promises to further prosperity in our city and beyond.

Additionally, this project seamlessly integrates with our own plans for airport upgrades, bolstering its role as a pivotal hub for transportation and economic activity. Through strengthening our infrastructure and collaborative efforts, we aim to advance aviation research, spur innovation, and serve as a cornerstone for aviation activities in Starkville.

Given our shared objectives, we wholeheartedly endorse the RFRL renovation initiative and eagerly anticipate collaborating to maximize the potential of both RFRL and George M. Bryan Airport. Together, we are committed to shaping a future filled with opportunities and prosperity for our community.

Warm regards,



Rodney Lincoln, Airport Director  
STARKVILLE-OKTIBBEHA COUNTY AIRPORT