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Re: University of Connecticut's Certificate of Authorization to Conduct UAS Operations

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut and serve as legal counsel to the University of Connecticut ("UConn"). I am pleased to provide this information regarding UConn's role as a constituent unit of public higher education within the State of Connecticut in connection with UConn's application for a certificate of authorization to conduct Unmanned Aircraft System operations.

The Connecticut State Constitution, at Article VIII, establishes both the elementary and secondary public schools (Section 1), and, at Section 2, provides that "[t]he State shall maintain a system of higher education, including the University of Connecticut, which shall be dedicated to excellence in higher education." This Section goes on to delineate that the State's General Assembly shall determine the size and governance of the various schools within UConn.

In accordance with this State Constitutional mandate, the General Assembly has enacted numerous state statutes governing the operation and programs of the state system of public higher education, including UConn. Conn. Gen. Stat. §10a-149 establishes the twenty-one person UConn Board of Trustees and the Board's general authority. Conn. Gen. Stat. §10a-103 sets forth how such trustees are appointed. The State Commissioners of Agriculture, Education and Economic and Community Development are members of the Board of Trustees, and all but three of the trustees are appointed by either the State's Governor, or legislative leaders (the UConn Alumni Association and the Undergraduate and Graduate School trustees are elected).

In short, the State's Constitution and statutes establish that UConn is a constituent unit within the State of Connecticut's system of public higher education.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.E. Urban", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ralph. E. Urban
Assistant Attorney General