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23rd District

June 5, 2020

Kevin Thibault, Secretary
c/o Michael McDougall, Aviation Communications Manager
605 Suwannee Street., MS-46
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Secretary Thibault,

I am pleased to support Venice Airport's nomination for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) General Aviation Airport of the Year.

This nomination is supported by the local community with the Venice Aviation Society Inc. (VASI). VASI is a local group of pilots, hangar tenants, airport businesses, and aviation enthusiasts with over 200 members.

As a self-supporting airport, Venice excels in the Aesthetics, Safety, and Management categories. This airport contributes approximately \$53 million dollars annually to the local economy and is a valuable asset in my district. Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted approval to develop airport owned land that will insure the viability of the airport for years to come.

As Venice and the airport continue to make improvements and enhance community awareness, an award of this honor would ensure continued success for this hidden gem in Florida. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Gruters".

Joe Gruters

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