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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Pursuant to Section 358 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111-383), as amended, and as implemented by Part 211 of title 32, U.S.C., the Department of Defense objects to the Great Bay Energy Center project identified as Aeronautical Study Number 2013-WTE-7362-OE. I instructed my staff to enter an objection in your Obstruction Evaluation/Airport-Airspace-Analysis computer system.

I have determined that the proposed project, even if mitigated as offered by the applicant, would constitute an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States, as defined in 32 C.F.R. § 211.3, because it would significantly impair or degrade the capability of the Department of Defense to conduct research, development, testing and evaluation, and operations, or to maintain military readiness. This project, if not mitigated, would impact the critical research, development, test, and evaluation of the Department's advanced airborne weapons systems and would ultimately place our armed forces at greater risk when they go in harm's way.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. My point of contact for this action is Mr. Michael Aimone, Director, Siting Clearinghouse, at michael.a.aimone.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-6745.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert O. Anderson".

