



MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of War
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Hegseth,

Michigan stands ready to lead the next generation of unmanned aerial systems (UAS). In response to your directive to expand drone production and establish new national UAS test sites, we—members of the Michigan House of Representatives—join our bipartisan congressional delegation in expressing our support for designating Michigan’s National All-Domain Warfighting Center (NADWC) as one of these sites.

Michigan is uniquely positioned to advance the Pentagon’s drone capabilities and revitalize America’s drone infrastructure. Designating NADWC as a UAS test site is essential to achieving the President’s vision for U.S. leadership in unmanned systems.

NADWC’s Distinct Advantages

NADWC is the premier dual-use joint training and testing environment in the eastern United States. It is anchored by Camp Grayling and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and offers:

- **Expansive Training Grounds:** Nearly 148,000 acres of four-season terrain and 17,000 square miles of special use military airspace, including over Lake Huron, supporting large-scale, multi-domain exercises year-round.
- **All-Domain Testing:** NADWC enables integrated training and testing across land, air, maritime, cyber, and space domains. Facilities support live-fire artillery, tank, and mortar ranges, air-to-air maneuvers, maritime and littoral operations, cyber defense and electronic warfare, and space-based ISR integration.
- **Advanced Drone Infrastructure:** NADWC features a dedicated sixty-mile-long drone corridor, emerging counter-UAV technologies, and a Beyond-Visual-Line-of-Sight (BVLOS) system for autonomous drone operations. The region’s clean electromagnetic spectrum and up to 6,000 available frequencies provide an ideal environment for advanced UAS testing.
- **Industry and Innovation Partnerships:** The Kelly Johnson Joint All-Domain Innovation Center and partnerships with academia and private sector innovators foster rapid prototyping and deployment. NADWC regularly hosts major exercises like Northern Strike and technology events such as Silent Swarm, where dozens of companies test and refine emerging systems in real-world conditions.
- **Permissive, Cost-Effective Access:** As a National Guard facility, NADWC allows public and private stakeholders to rent space and access ranges at a fraction of the cost and wait time of other sites. Its proximity to manufacturing centers and venture capital networks accelerates the transition from prototype to fielded capability.

These strengths make NADWC a launchpad for American innovation in defense and aerospace.

Michigan's Leadership in Dual-Use Drone Innovation

Michigan is a national leader in autonomous and advanced air-mobility systems. NADWC hosted the first Uncrewed Triple Challenge, a multi-domain drone race across air, land, and water that demonstrated the state's ability to integrate military, commercial, and research applications. The state's Advanced Air Mobility Initiative, established by executive directive, coordinates government, industry, and academic partners to scale drone capabilities and workforce readiness.

Our tradition of public-private partnerships unites technical expertise with manufacturing know-how. From Detroit's advanced production lines to research universities statewide, Michigan's people and institutions are ready to serve as the foundation for the Department of War's growing drone ecosystem.

Strategic Value for the Department of War

NADWC's unmatched range availability, all-weather experimentation, and multi-domain integration make it the ideal anchor for the Department's drone modernization efforts. Its proven track record in both military and commercial testing, combined with Michigan's world-class manufacturing capacity, provides the rare opportunity to prototype, test, and produce advanced systems in one state. Michigan is united to lead the next generation of unmanned systems.

Call to Action

We urge you to select NADWC as a national UAS test site and partner with Michigan to secure America's leadership in unmanned aerial systems.

Sincerely,



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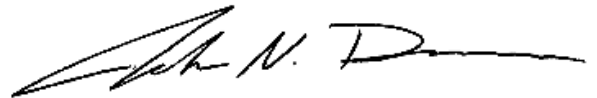
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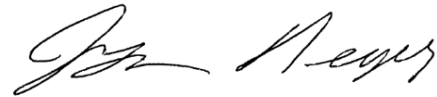
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