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# Gainesville Regional Airport

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October 19, 1998

Mr. Wayne Bowers  
City Manager  
City of Gainesville  
PO Box 490  
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Dear Mr. Bowers:

As a result of recent events involving existing and proposed telecommunications towers, it has become evident that the City of Gainesville's process for evaluating such proposals needs to be reviewed.

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Aviation Division has determined that the City of Gainesville's Airport Hazard Zoning (Chapter 3, Article IV) is not in compliance with Florida Statute, Chapter 333, Airport Zoning. FDOT's Land Use Planning Manager has provided suggested revisions to bring the City's Code into compliance with State requirements. Alternatively, FDOT has also provided a model comprehensive airport zoning ordinance, for the City's consideration. Regardless of which option the City decides to pursue, the review and approval process will take months to accomplish. In the interim, the Airport is concerned that the City will be authorizing the installation of towers, through a process that is not in compliance with Florida Statute, that may impact the capacity and utilization of the Gainesville Regional Airport.

Accordingly, the Gainesville - Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, at their meeting on October 8, 1998, approved a motion to request the City of Gainesville to impose a moratorium on any new towers until the City's Code of Ordinances are brought into conformity with Chapter 333 of the Florida Statutes.

GACRAA's Tower Committee and the Airport staff stand ready to assist the City of Gainesville during the ordinance review process on this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene P. Clerkin".

Gene P. Clerkin  
Director of Aviation

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