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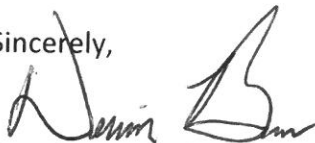
Dear Mr. McAtee:

I want to thank you for considering Jonathan Beck, our Principal Investigator and Director for the National Center for Autonomous Technologies (NCAT), as a nominee for the NCATC Board of Directors. Jonathan has been an innovative, committed, and determined member of our team at Northland Community and Technical College. In 2011, Jonathan helped lead Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, MN in launching the nation's first Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) maintenance program. Over the past 9 years at Northland he has helped advance UAS and Geospatial programs in collaboration with other education, industry and government partners.

His leadership has led to the award of 4 NSF ATE Projects and most recently the National Center for Autonomous Technologies NCAT. His work has created professional development workshops, STEM engagement opportunities, educational pathways, industry partnerships and helped expand educational resources.

I am pleased this leadership has been recognized by NCATC and feel he would make significant contributions to the future of technical programs, industry partnerships and the future of advanced technology centers across the country. Northland Community and Technical College will pledge full support of Jonathan as a member for the NCATC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



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