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TO: Chairperson Weighill and Corporate Counsel
FROM: Christopher R. Metropoulos, Emergency Management Manager
SUBJECT: Michigan Counter-UAS Task Force Sensor Deployment Request

I am requesting review and approval of the attached Memorandum of Understanding and associated request, to allow Michigan Drone Association (MDA) to install a drone detection sensor on the rooftop of the Genesee County Administration Building.

The proposed sensor would become part of the Michigan Counter-UAS Task Force's statewide airspace awareness network. The Administration Building is one of the tallest structures in the area and provides an ideal location to enhance drone detection coverage throughout Genesee County.

This system provides significant benefits of public safety, by improving situational awareness of drone activity near critical infrastructure, public gatherings, emergency incidents, and government facilities. Information collected by the system is shared with authorized public safety partners through the Michigan Counter-UAS Task Force and contributes to a common operating picture during planned events and emergency operations.

The timing of this deployment is particularly beneficial given several large-scale events scheduled within Genesee County during the coming months, including:

- Back to the Bricks
- Crim Festival of Races
- Bikes on the Bricks
- Ally Challenge PGA Tournament
- Other large public gatherings and special events

These events attract tens of thousands of attendees and present unique public safety and airspace awareness challenges. The proposed sensor would provide local, state, and federal public safety partners with enhanced visibility into drone activity occurring in proximity to these events.

From a county risk and resource perspective, the deployment presents minimal impact:

- No cost to Genesee County for equipment, installation, maintenance, software licensing, or subscriptions.
- The equipment remains the property of the Michigan Drone Association.
- The system does not connect to, utilize, or access any Genesee County network infrastructure. Connectivity is provided through a dedicated cellular connection.
- No County data is collected, stored, or transmitted by the system.
- The County may request removal of the equipment at any time.
- The Michigan Drone Association is responsible for installation, maintenance, insurance, and eventual removal of the equipment.

Thank you for your consideration.