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Subject: Points for Emergency on VANTIS funding

Mike,

Here are some good points on why an emergency clause would be helpful for the VANTIS funding. Things are happening quickly right now and we want to ensure that things don't slow down waiting for the end of the biennium.

- We are at a critical point with the FAA in negotiations to get access to their radar data. We need to be able to a secure architecture for the data exchange to finalize this. This hadn't been planned for in this biennium but could save us tens of millions of dollars if we can get it done quickly.
- This will help us move towards establishing a formal public private partnership with Thales and North Dakota which will help us start to engage with other states quicker to sell this regionally and nationally. This will accelerate the engagement with the five states who recently signed an MOU with Commerce.
- The FAA recently provided feedback on upgrades to VANTIS to accelerate the BVLOS approvals. The ability to access the funds right away will also ensure that this continues as quickly as possible.

Thanks,

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