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Mr. Gregory S. Walden  
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Dear Mr. Walden:

Thank you for your May 18, 2016 letter in which you suggest that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant authority to all Section 333 exemption holders to operate any aircraft on the List of Approved Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

The FAA has been continuously refining the Section 333 exemption process which includes considering feedback from industry, internal and external stakeholders. Currently the FAA is working to update the process to ease the burden on petitioners; namely, to allow current Section 333 exemption holders to operate any aircraft on the List of Approved Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

We appreciate your efforts to support the FAA in the integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System. There has been tremendous demand for UAS, and the Section 333 exemption process is only the first step. I look forward to working with you on future UAS efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lirio Liu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lirio Liu  
Director, Office of Rulemaking