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**Small UAV Coalition Welcomes Legislation to
Reinstate UAS Registration Requirement
Thanks Congress for Restoring Critical Accountability Mechanism**

WASHINGTON, DC – November 10, 2017 – Yesterday, House and Senate negotiators unveiled a compromise National Defense Authorization Act that includes a provision to reinstate the registration requirement for recreational unmanned aerial systems (UAS) operators. The Small UAV Coalition applauds Congress for restoring Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authority to maintain a national UAS registry.

On May 19, 2017, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit vacated a FAA rule requiring registration of recreational operators. The Coalition was among those industry stakeholders that [called](#) for ensuring FAA authority to maintain reasonable oversight of all UAS operations, including a registry. Providing a mechanism to identify all UAS operating in the national airspace is critical to ensuring safe integration and unleashing the potential for increased and expanded commercial UAS operations.

The Coalition thanks Congress for recognizing the need to restore accountability as a means of facilitating the safe, widespread, and expeditious integration of UAS into the national airspace.

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