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**Small UAV Coalition Comments on NTSB Findings
Incident Underscores Need for UAS Education and Training**

WASHINGTON, DC – December 14, 2017 – Today, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) determined that a recent collision between a small unmanned aircraft system (UAS) and a helicopter in New York was in part caused by the UAS operator's inadequate knowledge of regulations and safe operating practices, including active temporary flight restrictions.

Safety and accountability across the UAS industry are critical to ensuring safe integration and unleashing the potential for increased and expanded commercial UAS operations. The Small UAV Coalition calls on the federal government to proactively establish education and training requirements for all UAS operators. Specifically, the Coalition supports online education and training programs to make these opportunities more easily accessible. The Coalition stands ready to work with lawmakers and regulators to implement these critical safety measures.

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