



SMALL UAV
COALITION
*A Partnership for
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Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On October 5, 2018, the President signed into law the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (“the Act”), which assigns to the Secretary of Transportation several tasks with respect to unmanned aircraft systems (“UAS”). The [Small UAV Coalition](#), the leading policy organization representing commercial UAS operators, manufacturers, and end users, recognizes the Department of Transportation (“DOT” or “the Department”) has finite resources to address these and other directives and would like to offer the full support and substantial participation of its members to assist the Department in timely compliance with these requirements.

Members of the Small UAV Coalition offer unique technical and policy expertise and as such, have participated in every advisory committee, task force, and working group DOT and the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) have set up since 2015 to address UAS integration. Members are also actively participating in the UAS Integration Pilot Program and the UTM System Pilot Program. Coalition members have significant interest in continuing to participate in any collaborative government-industry initiative to advance the safe and secure integration of UAS operators and operations into the National Airspace System.

Among the provisions in the Act, we list the following requirements where the Coalition and its members offer our assistance to the responsible DOT offices and officials to help the Department meet the Act’s requirements and any applicable deadlines.

- Amending Part 298 to provide economic authority to UAS air carriers (section 348)
- Report to Congress on results of GAO review of UAS privacy issues (section 358)
- Report to Congress on results of study of effectiveness of UAS registration system (section 371)
- DOT rules or guidance to carry out counter-UAS authorities (section 1602)

Mindful of the need to move quickly to comply with these congressional directives, the Coalition is available to meet with DOT offices and officials as soon as mutually convenient date can be set.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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