

June 23, 2017

The Honorable Steve Knight
1023 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
2186 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Knight and Kaptur:

The Small UAV Coalition applauds your commitment to ensuring the continued growth of the unmanned aerial systems (UAS) industry through the Aeronautics Innovation Act. UAS technology has the potential to revolutionize the way we do business, creating tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic impact along the way.

The Aeronautics Innovation Act provides for the kind of research and development activities needed to support the expeditious development of a forward-leaning, long-term regulatory framework necessary to fully and safely realize the immense consumer benefits and economic potential of UAS technology. These efforts are especially critical in an increasingly competitive global marketplace in which other countries are ambitiously moving forward with regulatory frameworks designed to attract investment in UAS research, development, and integration.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the continued development of the unmanned aerial systems industry. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the United States maintains its leadership in this rapidly developing sector.

Sincerely,

