The Honorable Scott Perry  
Chairman  
Oversight and Management Efficiency Subcommittee  
House Homeland Security Committee  
1207 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

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Dear Chairman Perry:

The Small UAV Coalition supports the DHS Unmanned Aircraft Systems Countermeasures Coordination Act, important legislation establishing a central point of contact with the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate policies related to the development, implementation, and deployment of federal unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) countermeasures policy.

The Coordinator would provide a single resource of information for federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement, as well as the private sector. In particular, the Coalition appreciates that the bill recognizes that the Coordinator would play a critical role in minimizing the impact of the utilization of any future countermeasures authorities on private sector services and systems, including commercial UAS operations, in part by ensuring that those conducting such operations receive appropriate information about any such deployment. These elements are critical to ensuring the overall continued safety of the national airspace and are of the utmost importance.

As Congress considers providing federal law enforcement agencies with tailored countermeasures authorities, the Coalition believes that this legislation would fill an important void for government, law enforcement, and private sector stakeholders who seek to ensure both safe UAS integration and responsible countermeasures deployment with due consideration of privacy and civil liberties. Thank you for your leadership on this important topic.

Sincerely,