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February 15, 2018

Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Room S-128  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Room H-305  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Pat Leahy  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Room S-128  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Room H-305  
The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Cochran and Frelinghuysen and Ranking Members Leahy and Lowey:

The Small UAV Coalition<sup>1</sup> thanks you for your efforts to support the continued development of the United States commercial unmanned aerial systems (UAS) industry. UAS present economic opportunity and consumer benefits, but also require the development of regulations that will support the full scale commercialization of UAS technology in the United States. To that end, ensuring that the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have the resources they need to safely and securely expedite UAS integration is critically important.

The Coalition understands that the President has requested an additional \$10 million in FY18 discretionary funds to support DOT and FAA efforts to integrate UAS into the national airspace system. We fully support this request and ask that you include these additional funds in the forthcoming omnibus appropriations bill. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC:  
Chairman Susan Collins  
Ranking Member Jack Reed  
Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member David Price

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<sup>1</sup> Small UAV Coalition members include Airmap, Amazon Prime Air, Google [X] Project Wing, Intel, Kespry, PrecisionHawk, Verizon, AGI, Flirtey, Fresh Air Educators, T-Mobile, and Walmart.