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Small UAV Coalition Welcomes UAS Countermeasures Legislation Introduced in Senate

Legislation a Step Towards Progress on Expanded UAS Operations

WASHINGTON, DC – May 15, 2018 – The Small UAV Coalition welcomes legislation introduced by Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Ranking Member Claire McCaskill (D-MO) to provide the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice with authorities to conduct targeted unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) countermeasures operations.

The Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018 is an important step towards the development of a regulatory framework that enable ubiquitous expanded commercial UAS operations in the United States, including those beyond the visual line of sight, over people, and carrying property. The Coalition has long engaged with key stakeholders in both the Executive Branch and Congress to develop a tailored countermeasures policy that will not only equip federal law enforcement with the tools necessary to address national security concerns, but also support the future and continued growth of the commercial UAS industry. The Coalition looks forward to sharing its perspective on the legislation with the Homeland Security Committee and other key stakeholders, particularly as the Senate prepares to consider legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In the interim, the Coalition urges the FAA to move forward with a remote identification and tracking rulemaking that will assist federal law enforcement in safely executing any countermeasures authorities and expedite the full commercialization of UAS in the United States.

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