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Small UAV Coalition Welcomes House and Senate FAA Reauthorization Bills

Long-Term Reauthorization Critical to Safety and Economic Growth

WASHINGTON, DC – June 22, 2017 – The Small UAV Coalition welcomes introduction of H.R. 2997, the 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, and S. 1405, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2017, as key steps towards reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) before current authorities expire on September 30, 2017. Both bills include provisions intended to facilitate the integration of UAS operations into the national airspace.

As the nation's aviation safety authority, the FAA is tasked with overseeing the safe and widespread integration of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) into the national airspace. In order to fully realize the vast economic potential and consumer benefits of this rapidly developing technology, industry needs a forward-leaning, long-term regulatory framework within which it can develop in a safe, responsible, and efficient manner. Comprehensive, long-term FAA reauthorization legislation is imperative to ensuring both safety and economic growth in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

The Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with Congress, the FAA, and all stakeholders to not only advance long-term reauthorization legislation, but also to ensure that the United States fully embraces the immense economic potential and consumer benefits of UAS technology in the near-term.

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