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### **SMALL UAV COALITION ASKS FAA TO FORM SMALL UAV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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operations**

**WASHINGTON, DC – NOVEMBER 12, 2014** – The Small UAV Coalition submitted a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) last week to request the creation of an Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) specifically related to small UAVs, in order to tackle issues that the FAA is not likely to address in the upcoming small UAV rule. Specifically, the Small UAV Coalition wants the committee to focus on issues related to autonomous and beyond line of sight (BLOS) operations. The FAA has devoted time and attention to these operations, although they are technologically feasible and increasingly common throughout the world. The Small UAV Coalition believes a small UAV ARC would provide the opportunity for an engaging and productive dialogue between manufacturers, operators, and agency officials.

ARCs are established by the FAA to provide information and recommendations about specific topics. Five years ago, the FAA's initial small UAV ARC issued a report. An ARC devoted to UAS was chartered again in 2011, but it has since devoted most of its efforts to issues involving integrating large UAVs into the navigable airspace. By their size, weight, altitude, and other characteristics, small UAVs present very different risks than larger UAVs. As most commercial and consumer benefits are expected from the smaller class of UAVs, it is imperative that more attention must be paid them if the United States intends to be at the forefront of this technology.

The Small UAV Coalition was formed with the purpose of expediting commercial, civil, and philanthropic use of UAVs in the United States and abroad. The board members are (in alphabetical order): 3DR, Aerialtronics, Airware, Amazon Prime Air, DJI Innovations, EHang, Google[x]'s Project Wing, GoPro, Parrot, PrecisionHawk, Sky-Futures, and SkyWard. The Coalition is supported by a team of experienced attorneys at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

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