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Coalition Applauds Governor Jerry Brown for Veto of SB 142 Bill Would Have Dramatically Inhibited UAV Industry Growth without Delivering Meaningful Consumer Privacy Protections

WASHINGTON, DC – SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 – Last night, Governor Jerry Brown vetoed SB 142, a proposed law that would have dramatically inhibited the growth of California's small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) industry without delivering effective consumer privacy protections.

As Governor Brown noted in his veto message that while well-intentioned, the law could have exposed recreational users and Federal Aviation Administration-approved commercial users alike to confusing and conflicting regulations, as well as burdensome litigation.

The Small UAV Coalition recognizes and appreciates Governor Brown's consideration of the leading role California plays in technological advancements and the vast economic potential of the UAV industry. We stand ready to work with the Governor, the California Legislature, and other stakeholders to ensure the technology continues to captivate consumers and promote economic efficiencies while safeguarding and respecting consumer rights.

The Small UAV Coalition is the nation's leading advocate for the commercial, civil, recreational, and philanthropic use of small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), or drones. For more information on the Small UAV Coalition, please visit www.smalluavcoalition.org, contact press@smalluavcoalition.org, or follow @smallUAVs on Twitter.