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Coalition Applauds FAA Fact Sheet on State and Local Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Commends Administration for Affirming Exclusive Jurisdiction over UAS Registration

WASHINGTON, DC – DECEMBER 17, 2015 – The Small UAV Coalition applauds the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for releasing a [fact sheet](#) providing guidance for state and local regulation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including examples of laws impacting UAS for which the FAA recommends state and local governments consult with the Administration. The Coalition agrees with the FAA’s assertion that a “patchwork quilt” of state and local UAS regulations could lead to a “fractionalized airspace.”

In particular, the Coalition commends the FAA for affirming that it retains exclusive jurisdiction over UAS registration and that “no state or local government may impose an additional registration requirement on the operation of UAS.” The Coalition supports the recently announced FAA UAS registry as a means of supporting our joint goals of safety and accountability and had [recommended](#) that the FAA include a provision to preempt state and local small UAS registration requirements. Duplicative registries and regulations can create confusion and deter participation in a single FAA-sponsored system.

The Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with the Department of Transportation and the FAA as it works to build a regulatory framework that provides for the safe and timely integration of UAS into the National Airspace System.

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