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Small UAV Coalition Congratulates Acting Administrator Elwell

Looks Forward to Continuing Strong Working Relationship with FAA

WASHINGTON, DC – January 5, 2018 – On Sunday, Federal Aviation Administration Deputy Administrator Dan Elwell will become the FAA's Acting Administrator when Administrator Michael Huerta's term expires. The Small UAV Coalition thanks Administrator Huerta for his service during a transformative time in American aviation and congratulates Acting Administrator Elwell on his new role.

Former FAA Chief Counsel Gregory Walden, Aviation Counsel to the Small UAV Coalition, said "Acting Administrator Elwell assumes this role at an exciting, but critical, juncture for the United States. His storied career in aviation, penchant for decisive action, and creativity are necessary during this formative time for the commercial UAS industry."

In the short term, the Coalition looks forward to working with Acting Administrator Elwell to ensure that forthcoming remote identification and tracking standards apply to all UAS operators who are required to register with the FAA to ensure both safety and accountability in the national airspace. The Coalition also looks forward to the rollout of the UAS Integration Pilot Program and other initiatives to advance the development of regulations that will support the growth of the UAS industry in the United States.

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