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Small UAV Coalition Condemns Illegal and Irresponsible Drone Flight Near Aircraft

Supports FAA Investigation and Underscores Need for Remote Identification and Tracking Requirements

WASHINGTON, DC – February 5, 2018 – The Small UAV Coalition condemns the recent illegal and irresponsible operation of a drone near an aircraft arriving in Las Vegas. This reckless behavior, and that of anyone who endangers an aircraft by any means, should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and the Coalition supports the FAA's ongoing investigation to identify the individual responsible.

The incident underscores the fact that anonymous UAS operation is unacceptable and the urgent need for the FAA move forward with a remote identification and tracking rulemaking that applies to all drone operators who are also required to register with the FAA. The Coalition called on the FAA to immediately move forward with a rulemaking in a recent <u>letter</u> to Acting Administrator Elwell and stands ready to assist.

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