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Small UAV Coalition Applauds DOT for Taking Steps to Authorize UAS Delivery Operations

Using Existing Exemption Authority Will Expedite Drone Delivery and Maintain Safety of the National Airspace

WASHINGTON, DC – April 30, 2018 – The Small UAV Coalition applauds the Department of Transportation (DOT) for [announcing](#) that it will use existing exemption authority to grant economic authority to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operators seeking to carry property in air transportation, an important step to expedite UAS delivery operations in the United States. The Coalition has long encouraged DOT to take this step and is pleased that it will be available to operators as the UAS Integration Pilot Program (IPP) gets underway.

DOT's new policy also reflects provisions in bipartisan FAA reauthorization that last week overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives 393-13, as well as in bipartisan legislation pending before the Senate, on which the Coalition worked closely with lawmakers.

Importantly, it also will ensure that operators are subject to a uniform set of economic and safety regulations that make the United States' airspace the safest in the world.

As the Coalition recently [wrote](#) to lawmakers, the United States' lack of a regulatory framework specifically tailored to UAS delivery operations has jeopardized its role as the world's leader in innovative commercial UAS applications. The Coalition thanks DOT for taking steps to ensure the country's continued leadership in UAS technology and ability to compete in the global market.

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