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Small UAV Coalition Welcomes House UAS Countermeasures Legislation

**Bill Is Another Important Step Towards Expanded Commercial UAS Operations in
the United States**

WASHINGTON, DC – July 19, 2018 – The [Small UAV Coalition](http://www.smalluavcoalition.org) welcomes H.R. 6401, new legislation to authorize the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice to utilize limited unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) countermeasures, and thanks House Homeland Security Committee Chairman McCaul (R-TX) for his leadership on this important issue.

The Coalition has been actively engaged with committees of jurisdiction in both the House and the Senate, as well as the White House and Executive Branch agencies, to support the development of a tailored federal countermeasures policy with due consideration of privacy and civil liberties that will not only equip federal law enforcement with the tools necessary to address national security concerns, but also support the future and continued growth of the commercial UAS industry.

With similar countermeasures legislation now pending before both the House and the Senate, the Coalition urges Congress to send the President a bill for his signature at the earliest possible opportunity. At the same time, the Coalition continues to call on the FAA to move forward with a remote identification and tracking rulemaking and Congress to enable the FAA to require all UAS operators to comply with those requirements so that federal law enforcement can safely and responsibly utilize any future countermeasures authorities. Without these components in place, the United States continues to risk losing its leadership in commercial UAS technology as other countries move forward with regulations to allow for expanded operations.

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