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Small UAV Coalition Applauds President's Signing of Long-Term FAA Reauthorization

Legislation to Advance Commercial UAS Industry

WASHINGTON, DC – October 5, 2018 – Today, President Trump signed into law <u>H.R. 302</u>, legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for five years. The Coalition was honored to work with both the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees on this critical legislation that includes a robust and forward-leaning unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) subtitle. H.R. 302, which passed both chambers with overwhelming bipartisan support, will expedite the development and implementation of an unmanned traffic management (UTM) system, authorize the FAA to impose remote identification and tracking requirements on all users, and enable federal law enforcement and homeland security to exercise tailored counter-UAS authorities with due consideration to the ongoing safety of the national airspace and privacy and civil liberties. These and other UAS provisions in the bill will ultimately enable routine expanded commercial UAS operations necessary to unlock the potential of this transformative technology.

The Coalition looks forward to working with the Administration and Congress to ensure timely implementation of this important legislation.

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