

October 10, 2018

Honorable Eugene Louis Dodaro Comptroller General Government Accountability Office 441 G Street NW Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Comptroller General,

On October 5, 2018, the President signed into law the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 ("the Act"), which assigns to the Government Accountability Office ("GAO") several tasks with respect to unmanned aircraft systems ("UAS"). The <u>Small UAV Coalition</u>, the leading policy organization representing commercial UAS operators, manufacturers, and end users, would like to offer the full support and substantial participation of its members to assist the GAO in timely compliance with these requirements.

The Small UAV Coalition and its members have assisted previous GAO reviews on UAS issues and stand ready to assist the GAO with respect to the following studies required by the Act:

- Report on study of finances of UAS services (section 360)
- Study on federal and local authorities (section 373)
- Review of UAS privacy issues (section 358)

The Coalition and several of its members participated in two relevant task groups set up by the Subcommittee of the FAA Drone Advisory Committee: Task Group 1 on federal and local roles and responsibilities and Task Group 3 on UAS financing issues.

Mindful of the need to move quickly to comply with these congressional directives, the Coalition is available to meet with GAO personnel as soon as mutually convenient dates can be set.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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