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## **Small UAV Coalition Comments on UAS Regulatory Proceedings**

### **Calls on Department of Transportation to Release Remote Identification Proposed Rule**

**WASHINGTON, DC – February 13, 2019** – Today, the Department of Transportation published for comment a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operations over people and an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) on small UAS safety and security. The Coalition looks forward to providing formal comments on the proceedings during the comment period.

The Coalition has long urged the Department to develop rules for expanded operations, including operations over people, and appreciates the Department's commitment to developing a regulatory framework under which the commercial UAS industry can continue to develop and thrive. However, a remote identification rule must first be in place. The Department itself is unequivocal on this point in the operations over people NPRM.

Remote identification will enhance safety, security, and privacy and is an essential part of the unmanned traffic management system (UTM) currently under development. It will also support transparency and accountability.

An advisory committee delivered its recommendations for a remote identification rulemaking to the FAA in October 2017. If there remain questions about the requirements FAA believes it should include in the proposed rule, those questions can be addressed during the NPRM notice and comment process. The Coalition calls upon the Department to publish a proposed rule without further delay.

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