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Small UAV Coalition Applauds President Biden's selection of Michael Whitaker as next FAA Administrator

WASHINGTON, DC – September 7, 2023 – The Small UAV Coalition applauds President Biden's announcement today of his intention to nominate Michael Whitaker as the next Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA has been without a Senate-confirmed Administrator for over a year and at a time when seasoned leadership is needed to safely integrate a new era of aviation technology that will transform travel and commerce. This important nomination also comes as Congress is debating a multi-year reauthorization of FAA programs, and it is critical for the FAA Administrator to engage with Congress in shaping this legislation.

Mr. Whitaker has extensive experience in the aviation industry, working for both legacy and nascent technology firms. Having previously served as Deputy Administrator, he is expected to hit the ground running once confirmed. The Small UAV Coalition is optimistic that Mr. Whitaker will provide the leadership to advance several much-needed drone rulemaking projects while also addressing inefficiencies and delays that have slowed the integration of drones into the national airspace system.

The Coalition urges the President to move forward with a formal nomination as soon as possible, so that the Senate Commerce Committee may hold a confirmation hearing as soon as it can be scheduled. The important issues before the agency deserve to be explored with Mr. Whitaker's views on solutions expressed without delay.

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