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Small UAV Coalition Applauds Senate Confirmation of Michael Whitaker as next FAA Administrator

WASHINGTON, DC – October 24, 2023 – The Small UAV Coalition applauds the unanimous vote today in the United States Senate confirming Michael Whitaker as the next Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. The Coalition expects Mr. Whitaker’s experience and leadership skills will be critical in advancing the safe integration of a new era of aviation technology that will transform travel and commerce while also addressing inefficiencies and delays that have slowed the integration of drones into the national airspace system.

Now that the Senate has confirmed the FAA Administrator, the Coalition urges the Senate Commerce Committee to turn immediately to moving its FAA reauthorization bill, S. 1939. With FAA programs set to expire December 31, it is imperative that the Committee hold a markup and move the bill to the floor in the coming weeks.

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