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Small UAV Coalition Applauds Bipartisan FAA Reauthorization Deal

WASHINGTON, DC – May 1, 2024 – The Small UAV Coalition applauds the extensive efforts of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee for working tirelessly to advance a bipartisan bill that will reauthorize the FAA for five more years. With the Senate’s strong bipartisan vote today to proceed to floor consideration, the Coalition urges the Senate move quickly to a vote to approve the bill.

The Coalition is pleased to see that many of its priorities were included, such as:

- Shaping and accelerating the BVLOS rulemaking
- Extending Section 44807 exemption authority
- Requiring the FAA to establish an acceptable level of risk
- Improving the environmental review process through use of tools such as programmatic reviews and categorical exclusions
- Authorizing the Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant (DIIG) Act
- Authorizing the Drone Workforce Education grant program
- Improving the Part 107 waiver process
- Requiring a risk-based approach to allow for safe carriage of small quantities of certain hazardous materials
- Providing a pathway for use of Network Remote ID as an alternative means of compliance

Now that Congress is providing clear direction on the BVLOS rulemaking, we urge the FAA to publish its NPRM expeditiously and advance the agency’s efforts to lead the world in providing for safe BVLOS flights at scale. The Coalition looks forward to continuing its work with Congress on promoting a regulatory framework that will allow the drone industry to bring the numerous benefits this technology provides to communities across the country while maintaining U.S. leadership in aviation.

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