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Industry Stakeholder Groups Urge U.S. Department of Transportation to Issue Performance Based UAS Remote ID Final Rule Without Delay

Arlington, Va. – The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) joined with the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) and the U.S. Chamber’s Technology Engagement Center (C_TEC) to encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to hold fast to the intended December 2020 release of the rulemaking on Remote Identification (ID) for unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

The industry groups called on U.S. DOT Secretary Elaine Chao and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Steve Dickson to continue with a timely rulemaking process, given the rule’s critical step in future UAS regulation and broader industry growth. The letter went on to note that the rule should be performance based, stating, “Given our broad scope of stakeholders across many sectors of our economy, we understand the importance of allowing UAS technology to evolve and grow, and not to have growth hindered by prescriptive regulatory requirements. As such, we also urge the Department to support a final rule that sets performance requirements, rather than specifying particular solutions for Remote ID compliance.”

The unmanned vehicle industry already plays an increasingly essential role in American life, supporting infrastructure inspection, in agriculture, disaster relief, and public safety. This has especially been true in the last seven months during the COVID-19 pandemic. Companies have begun transporting medical specimens and supplies via drone; people in remote locations are receiving prescriptions via unmanned aerial system; and the sector is poised for continued growth and job creation. Timely action from the DOT is necessary for the UAS industry to continue innovating and growing, and industry is looking towards Secretary Chao and Administrator Dickson for their leadership in delivering a final, performance based rule in December of 2020.

For a copy of the letter, please [click here](#).

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About AUVSI

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) — the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of unmanned systems and robotics — represents corporations and professionals from more than 60 countries involved in industry, government and academia. AUVSI members work in the defense, civil and commercial markets. For more information, visit AUVSI.org.

About CTA

The Consumer Technology Association (CTA) educates U.S. policymakers to ensure the innovation economy is protected from laws and regulations that delay, restrict or ban the development of technologies in all our sectors. CTA members are a community of passionate individuals sharing knowledge and working together to develop the consumer technology industry.

About C_TEC

The U.S. Chamber's Technology Engagement Center (C_TEC) is a campaign that cuts across nearly every sector to harness all the good work and aggressive advocacy on behalf of the technology sector already underway and provide a new platform with enhanced prominence to address the emerging tech issues that are on the horizon.