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The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo  
Chairman  
House Transportation Subcommittee on  
Aviation  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
House Transportation Subcommittee on  
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2113 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman LoBiondo and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), thank you for holding this hearing, “Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Emerging Uses in a Changing National Airspace” on Wednesday, November 29. REALTORS® were among the first to recognize the potential of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for marketing properties, and look forward to other applications - including land surveying, inspections, and even repairs – for UAS in the real estate and property management industries.

NAR was pleased when the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released its Small UAS Rule in August 2016, which was an important first step towards integrating UAS into the National Air Space (NAS). That rule created a clear pathway for commercial UAS use while protecting safety in the NAS and on the ground. It is important that the FAA continue making progress with its UAS rulemaking, including regulations for operating UAS over crowds, beyond-visual-line-of-sight flights, and night flights. Real estate professionals are excited about the possible uses for UAS in the real estate industry, but the current regulatory framework stops short of providing the type of guidance and flexibility needed for the technology to reach its full potential.

NAR has been active in the rulemaking process, participating in the FAA Micro UAS Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC), which released recommendations on rules for micro-UAS flights over people, as well as the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) working group on privacy best practices. The Association looks forward to seeing the results of this work translated into federal guidelines for safe and responsible UAS use in a variety of situations.

Again, thank you for holding this hearing. NAR looks forward to continuing to work with Congress and the FAA to create a safe and reasonable regulatory environment for the commercial use of UAS.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mendenhall  
2018 President, National Association of REALTORS®

cc: House Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation



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