



October 16, 2019

The Honorable Mike Lee  
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RE: Drone Integration and Zoning Act of 2019

Dear Senator Lee:

On behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the bipartisan organization representing the legislatures of our nation's states, commonwealths, and territories, we applaud your introduction of the Drone Integration and Zoning Act of 2019, which would affirm state regulatory authority regarding low-altitude operation of unmanned aerial systems, or drones.

States have been at the forefront of responsible drone regulation related to their traditional police powers. As written, the Drone Integration and Zoning Act of 2019 would both guaranteeing state and local authority to protect public safety and security, personal privacy, property rights, and manage land use regarding the operation of drones as well as ensure the FAA's authority to maintain safety of the navigable airspace.

We look forward to working with you, your fellow members of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and all United States Senators, as this conversation moves forward. Please do not hesitate to contact NCSL staff Ben Husch (202-624-7779 or [ben.husch@ncsl.org](mailto:ben.husch@ncsl.org)) with any follow up questions

Sincerely

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