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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20490

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I was pleased to see your announcement today regarding unmanned aircraft systems. Requiring consumer drones to be registered like other aircraft must be a necessary step to create a culture of safety for this new technology and to strengthen accountability for operators.

Due to reckless use, consumer drones have threatened public safety across the country. They have stopped aerial firefighting operations, crashed at large public events, come in close proximity to dozens of airports, and approached commercial planes carrying hundreds of passengers. However, their reckless operators can seldom be identified. Users will be less likely to use their drones irresponsibly if the devices can be traced back to them.

It speaks to your leadership that the Federal Aviation Administration is taking action to require registration. Your action would satisfy one of the requirements of the Consumer Drone Safety Act that I have introduced in Congress. As we have discussed, this bill would also require the Federal Aviation Administration to set safety standards for manufacturers and to comprehensively establish rules on when, where and under what conditions consumer drones can be used.

Thank you for your continued action on this issue. I look forward to seeing the recommendations of your task force next month and the implementation of the registration requirement. If I can support this effort in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator