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Representative Shelley Hughes  
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Rep. Hughes,

Please allow this written statement to be entered into the record concerning the continuation of the UAS Task Force.

The Alaska Airmen Association is a general aviation organization that represents over 2500 members statewide. Our mission is to “promote general aviation in Alaska.” Membership includes pilots, mechanics, aircraft owners and others that have an interest in aviation. On behalf of our membership, thank you for the opportunity to submit the following comments pertaining to the UAS Task Force.

We feel that it is vitally important that the UAS Task Force be allowed to continue through 2017. With Alaska being one of the major test sites for UAS integration into the National Airspace System it is imperative that the State Legislature also be at the forefront integrating this technology into everyday life. The most compelling way to effectively be proactive and not reactive is to continue this Task Force.

The Alaska Airmen wish to actively participate in the UAS Task Force and petition the Legislature to expand the group include a seat for The Alaska Airmen Association and the Alaska Air Carriers Association. The significance of how this new technology will influence current practices of manned aviation and the safety implications dictate that current users of the airspace be at the table.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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