

AUVSI Announces Publication of Legal White Paper to Help States Prepare for Drones

ARLINGTON, VA, USA, February 15, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, the Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) announced the [publication of a legal white paper](#) analyzing airspace law and offering a plan for how states and localities can consider uncrewed aircraft system (UAS, or drone) laws that enable the rapidly growing industry without infringing upon existing authorities.

"As the Drone Flies: How to Think About Property Ownership, Federal Preemption, and Airspace Control in the Era of Remotely Piloted Aircraft" is authored by Sara Baxenberg and Josh Turner, experienced drone and preemption attorneys at Wiley Rein who serve as outside counsel to AUVSI.

They address two key legal issues: first, the rights of individual property owners in the surface of their property as compared to the airspace above, and second, the authority of states and localities given federal preemption in the fields of air navigation and aviation safety.

"While the advent of drones may appear to pose an inflection point for a variety of traditional legal concepts, these supposed conflicts are, in actuality, easily resolved," said Sara Baxenberg, Partner at Wiley Rein LLP. "States can protect rights, interests, and assets in a way that ensures that the rules are clear for all stakeholders and all interests are adequately safeguarded."

The paper follows the launch of AUVSI's multi-state Drone Prepared initiative to help lawmakers ensure that their state or locality is ready for the benefits the future of uncrewed and autonomous flight will bring to their communities. Model legislation from Drone Prepared has been introduced in both chambers in Mississippi and passed last week with overwhelming



support in the state Senate.

Michael Smitsky, Vice President, Government Affairs at AUVSI, said: "By following the legal principles in this paper, states can be on the forefront of attracting the drone industry to their state and unlocking the benefits it will bring to their constituents."

During the 2023 state legislative sessions, AUVSI and the Drone Prepared coalition is supporting legislative proposals which adhere to the paper's legal principles by: (1) Promoting drone use for public benefit; (2) Recognizing the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration over airspace navigation and safety; (3) Leveraging existing laws that already address concerns like privacy and trespass; and (4) Promoting technology neutrality.

Learn more at DronePrepared.org and find a [summary of the white paper here](#).

###

About AUVSI

The Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) — the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of uncrewed systems, autonomy 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.

Chelsie Jeppson

AUVSI

cjeppson@auvsi.org

Visit us on social media:

[Twitter](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[YouTube](#)

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/617145135>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2023 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.