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Dear Chair Grayber and Members of the Committee,

Our organization represents over 25,000 small and medium sized UAS business across the United States, including many in the State of Oregon. As concerned citizens and advocates for the responsible integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into our communities, we are writing to express our opposition to Oregon Senate Bill 812, which seeks to grant local governments the authority to prohibit the takeoff and landing of UAS in parks under their jurisdiction.

We think that this bill is premature. We have not seen the impacts of Oregon State Park's implementation of the bill that authorized them to regulate drone usage. While we understand the concerns that may have prompted the introduction of this bill, we believe that localities will implement blanket prohibitions on both commercial and recreational UAS operations in local parks that would have unintended consequences that could hinder the growth of a burgeoning industry, infringe on the rights of responsible drone operators, and limit the educational and recreational opportunities offered by UAS technology.

Firstly, such a prohibition would impede the development of the UAS industry in Oregon, which has the potential to create jobs, stimulate innovation, and contribute significantly to our local economy. By placing restrictions on drone operations in public spaces, we risk discouraging entrepreneurs and enthusiasts from pursuing their passions and cultivating the skills necessary to drive the industry forward.

Secondly, responsible drone operators already adhere to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) guidelines, which provide a comprehensive framework for safe and non-intrusive UAS operations. By imposing additional restrictions at the local level, we may inadvertently penalize law-abiding citizens who are committed to operating their drones safely and responsibly.

Lastly, drone technology offers a wealth of educational and recreational opportunities for individuals of all ages. From aerial photography and videography to scientific research and environmental monitoring, UAS technology has the potential to inspire curiosity and foster a deeper appreciation for our natural surroundings. By limiting access to local parks, we deny these opportunities to our community members and deprive them of the chance to explore the full potential of this rapidly evolving technology.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully request that you reconsider your support for Oregon Senate Bill 812 and instead advocate for alternative solutions that promote responsible UAS operations in our local parks. By fostering open dialogue and collaboration between local

governments, the UAS industry, and the public, we can work together to find a balanced approach that encourages innovation, ensures public safety, and preserves the rights of all parties involved.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this issue and the steps you plan to take in response to the concerns raised in this letter.

Sincerely,

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