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Dear Commenters:

This is in response to your posting to the public docket for the Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in which you requested an extension of the comment period for the NPRM (84 FR 72438, December 31, 2019). Your request to extend the comment period was posted to the docket (FAA-2019-1100).¹

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has considered your request to extend the comment period for the NPRM. As the FAA discussed in the NPRM, the ability to know the

¹ Academy of Model Aeronautics, FAA-2019-1100-0943; Experimental Aircraft Association, FAA-2019-1100-3912; Quad Axis LLC, FAA-2019-1100-4162; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, FAA-2019-1100-5431; Airlines for America, FAA-2019-1100-5659; Greg Gawlak, FAA-2019-1100-6638.

location of unmanned aircraft operating in the airspace of the United States and to identify and locate their operators creates situational awareness of operations conducted in the airspace of the United States, fosters accountability of the operators and owners of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and improves the capabilities of the FAA and law enforcement to address safety and investigate and mitigate careless, hazardous, and noncompliant operations. Also, the need for remote identification of UAS increasingly has become important as new public safety and national security concerns arise regarding the use of UAS. Accordingly, the FAA has determined that any extension of the comment period, and the subsequent delays in promulgation of a final rule implementing remote identification of UAS, would not be consistent with the safety and security objectives of the proposed rule.

Therefore, your request to extend the comment period for the Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems NPRM is denied. The comment period for the NPRM closes on Monday, March 2, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Roberts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brandon Roberts
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