

## AMA Government Affairs Fall 2020 Update

The AMA Government Affairs team continues advocating for commonsense solutions to the development and implementation of the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, Section 349. Remote ID: AMA organized a joint industry letter with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and Google's sister company, Wing, urging the FAA to make essential changes to the proposed rule for Remote ID. The FAA continues to maintain that its plan is to announce a final rule by the end of the calendar year, followed by an implementation period that could take up to three years. Letter of Agreements (LOAs) in controlled airspace: AMA continues to work with the FAA to ensure that our clubs located in controlled airspace receive LOAs with their air traffic control facility. Approximately 139 clubs have obtained agreements, with 60 clubs still working toward theirs and 40 clubs awaiting Safety Risk Management Panel meetings needed to obtain an altitude higher than the FAA UAS facility map allows in their areas. Advisory Circular 91-57C: The FAA is currently working on an Advisory Circular, which will include a process for Community-Based Organization (CBO) recognition and information regarding the upcoming knowledge and safety test. AMA has worked closely with the FAA on this upcoming test to ensure a reasonable and sensible outcome. This should be out for public comment by the end of the calendar year. White House executive order: This would ban the federal government's use or purchase of foreign-made UAS and impact AMA members operating on military property, at national parks, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and EPA-managed sites. AMA recently met with White House officials to discuss our concerns and plans to continue working with the administration. This has not yet been signed. Congress: AMA is working with Congress to include educational UAS protections in the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This bill is not expected to pass until after the presidential election. FAA registration: Some recreational fliers might have FAA registrations that expire soon. The earliest expiration date is December 12, 2020. You are now eligible to renew your registration within 180 days of your expiration date. To renew your registration, visit [FAADroneZone.faa.gov](https://faa.gov/FAADroneZone). Your registration is good for three years and costs \$5. Please be aware of FAA scam sites charging more than \$5.