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On Behalf Of: Academy Of Model Aeronautics  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB812

Dear Committee Members:

Please Understand that although the Federal Aviation Administration has chosen to classify ever object that leaves the ground under it's own power and without a human on board as a "drone", there is a very distinct difference between the many recently contrived autonomous (self guided) flying machines and the radio controlled model airplane that has been in use by many of us since the 1950's. These often scaled down replicas of full-sized passenger carrying airplanes from WWI biplanes to modern jets are individually controlled by a skilled person on the ground by means of a very specific type of hand-held radio transmitter that precisely manipulates all on-board control devices in that airplane so that it flies exactly as would a full-size airplane and all such operation is performed in full sight of the person holding the radio transmitter. Such is "not" the case with the other mostly wingless multi-propeller devices that often carry cameras and buzz around over pall games, parades, etc., etc. and in the flight path of passenger carrying airplanes where they attracted the attention and ire of full-size aircraft operators and of course, the Federal Aviation Administration, which imposed regulations on their use and has recently come to agreement with the Academy Of Model Aeronautics concerning operation of radio controlled model airplanes.

Sincerely,  
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