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Chapman Aerospace LLC is pleased with California's Governor Jerry Brown's vetoing of SB142.

While the industry supports the safe, non-intrusive use of UAS technology, SB 142 would have stifled innovation, hampered economic growth and created inconsistencies with federal law.

"SB 142 was also in direct contradiction with federal law because only the FAA can regulate airspace; states and municipalities cannot. According to the U.S. Code, 'The United States Government has exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the United States.'

"A study by AUVSI estimates that in the first decade following UAS integration into the national airspace system, California's economy will gain more than 18,100 jobs and more than \$14 billion in economic impact. Under the right regulatory environment, there's no question these numbers could go even higher. The defeat of SB 142 is an important step in protecting these potential economic gains and job opportunities for thousands of hardworking Americans.

"The defeat of SB 142 does not remove the urgency for the FAA to finalize its long awaited rules on small unmanned aircraft. There is much uncertainty about where operators should and shouldn't fly; until the FAA acts, legislation such as SB 142 will continue to exacerbate this confusion. For the safety of our skies and to ensure that there is no confusion between state and federal law, we need Washington to make finalizing these rules a top priority."