2023 FAA Reauthorization – AAC Core Priorities

The 2023 FAA Reauthorization bill is the AAC’s top priority this year. Specifically, the AAC urges Congress to enact, at a minimum, a five-year FAA Reauthorization bill before the September 30, 2023, deadline. Our key areas of advocacy in the context of the FAA Reauthorization bill are:

- **Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS)**
  - Enabling low altitude UAS operations and standardizing the Part 135 process.
  - Part 108 drone pilot rules.
  - Extension of and clarity around Section 44807.
- **AAM**
  - Certification standards for powered-lift aircraft.
  - Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) powered-lift rule.
  - Sense of Congress in support of AAM.
  - Timelines to enable the operationalization of AAM.
- **Spectrum & Data**
  - Spectrum rules to ensure UAS have access to necessary spectrum to conduct operations.
  - Secure access to National Airspace System (NAS) data and more streamlined data sharing between industry and government.
- **Federal Airspace Preemption**
  - Clarification that the FAA is the sole regulator of matters pertaining to aviation safety, including the use of the airspace at all altitudes and the categorization of drones as aircraft.
- **U.S. Competitiveness**
  - Inclusion of the Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant (DIIG) Act (S. 4744 and H.R. 5315) from the 117th Congress in the bill. 118th Congress House and Senate versions of the DIIG Act are expected to be introduced imminently.
  - Operations Over the High Seas.
  - Tax credits and grant programs to level the playing field for U.S. UAS companies.
  - Inclusion of the Securing American Mineral Supply Chains Act (H.R. 8981) from the 117th Congress in the bill.
- **UAS Traffic Management (UTM) and Remote Identification (Remote ID)**
  - Implementation of UTM via FAA adoption of international standards.