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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 540 OF THE**  
**2017 REGULAR SESSION**

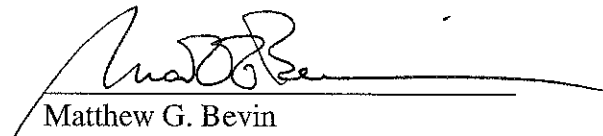
*I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

House Bill 540 of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*House Bill 540 is a well-intentioned, but premature piece of legislation that is preempted by federal law. Substantial air safety issues are raised when state or local governments attempt to regulate the operation or flight of aircraft. If one or two municipalities enacted ordinances regulating UAS (unmanned aerial systems) in the navigable airspace and a significant number of municipalities followed suit, fractionalized control of the navigable airspace could result. In turn, this 'patchwork quilt' of differing restrictions could severely limit the flexibility of the FAA in controlling the airspace and flight patterns, and ensuring safety and an efficient air traffic flow. A navigable airspace free from inconsistent state and local restrictions is essential to the maintenance of a safe and sound air transportation system.*

*This legislation attempts to address potential concerns that have not been validated with data. The potential economic growth in the UAS industry is tremendous. This unnecessary and overly restrictive legislation sends the wrong message to a growth industry with tremendous potential in the Commonwealth.*

This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

  
Matthew G. Bevin  
Governor