

Monday, April 16, 2018

Dear AMA club leaders,

Most of you have probably read our recent letter to AMA members, requesting help to protect the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (Section 336). We are requesting our clubs' assistance to reach as many model aircraft enthusiasts as possible and amplify our message.

Congress has begun drafting language to address Section 336. During this process, some are asking for the repeal of Section 336 – which has allowed AMA to manage our members and fly safely and responsibly, as we have for over 80 years. Losing the Special Rule would be an enormous burden for our hobby.

There are currently two paths to fly legally in the U.S. – either under Section 336 or under the FAA's Small UAS Rule (Part 107). If Section 336 is repealed, everyone will have to take an in person test, pay for a remote pilot's certificate, and fly under Part 107 rules. Under Part 107, an individual must be at least 16 years of age to obtain the remote pilot's certificate, so this path leaves AMA's 50,000 youth members unable to fly.

This is a critical moment to let your elected representatives know the importance of Section 336 to education, innovation, and hobbyists. You can help by doing the following:

- 1. Share AMA's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> posts to contact their legislators.
- 2. Forward this email (or the original email request) to your club member list, in case our membership records do not contain a person's most current email address or as a reminder to those that have not yet contacted their representatives.
- 3. Mention this campaign at the flying site and during your next meeting to your members that may not utilize email or social media.

<u>Please ask everyone to click here to send a letter to your elected representatives in support of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.</u> In addition to sending a letter, you will also have an opportunity to call your representatives. We encourage everyone to take the time for this as well.

We need your help to demonstrate the value of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft for our community and future generations of hobbyists. We appreciate your assistance in protecting Section 336 and promoting the safe integration of model aircraft into the national airspace system.

Sincerely,

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