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FIR Draft Calls for Executive “Drone Take Down” Order

The Foundation for Infrastructure Resilience (FIR), with the expertise of two former National Security Council Members and renowned drone experts, released today a draft Presidential Executive order calling on immediate action by multiple agencies, to establish nationwide exclusion areas around critical infrastructure and to authorize the taking down of identified Adversarial Unmanned Aerial Systems (AUAS). FIR President Stephen Vollandt stated that “we have known about the possibility of the use of adversarial unmanned systems for years and have done next to nothing.”

The extensive draft calls on either President Biden or President Trump to issue such an order to address the urgent situation where unknown and likely adversarial drones are flying over military bases and critical infrastructure. It calls on the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (APNSA) to lead the coordination of all U.S. agencies for fast-track assessments of possible targets, exclusion zones, countermeasures, and for the first time authorizes agencies and even the private sector to down identified AUAS in exclusion zones. FIR task force Chairman David Winks stated, “we must send an immediate message to our adversaries, foreign or domestic, that we will act aggressively to stop their spying, planning or actions that could lead to millions of domestic casualties.”