



Tell the FCC to Reconsider Banning Imports of Certain Foreign Drones

As you may know, the FCC recently took actions that prevent most foreign drone manufacturers, including the two most widely used drones on the market, from bringing you their newest drone models and other technologies. Now, the FCC has gone even further and has **proposed bans on future imports of several drones** that are already on the U.S. market. The FCC says these restrictions target “military-grade” drones, but they impact **any drones with thermal imaging capabilities, LiDAR sensing, agricultural spray drones, and others that are widely used across America today by hobbyists, small businesses, farmers, and public safety agencies**. The DAA feels strongly that American drone users deserve access to industry-leading drones that meet business needs as they evolve. Farmers, business owners, public safety officers, inspectors and more cannot afford to look for new options or fall back on less-reliable technology – lives and livelihoods could be at stake!

The FCC has opened a comment period to hear from drone users like you about these proposed changes. From now until **September 2, 2026**, this process will allow drone users to share how restrictions will impact our safety operations, our businesses, and our communities.

That’s where drone users like you come in.

This is an opportunity to tell the FCC how important these drones are to you and your business or the public you serve, and why they should not be banned going forward. **You don’t have to be an expert, either!** Comments that are constructive and provide respectful explanations to the FCC are the most compelling, as well as those that directly address some of the FCC’s questions (more information found in the other document on this page) and describe how these products support your needs and how other options in the market may lack the capabilities you need from your drones.

If you are willing to help, please share your personal story with the FCC – we’ve included instructions on how to do so on the following pages. DAA is here to help too, so don’t hesitate to reach out and we can provide more detailed instructions for how to submit your comment.

Option 1: Quick Comment (No Attachments)

Quickest way to weigh in. Use this for text-only messages.

1. **Go to:** fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/express
2. **Enter Proceeding Number:** Type **26-189**. Click the name "**Prohibiting the Importation and Marketing of Certain Foreign-Produced Military-Grade UAS and UAS Critical Components**" when it appears.
3. **Fill in Details:** Enter your name (or business name), email, and address.
4. **Write Your Comment:** Type your story directly into the **Brief Comments** box.
5. **Finalize:** * Toggle the slider for email confirmation.

- a. Check the box acknowledging the filing is **public**.
- b. Click **Continue to Review Screen**, pass the "I'm not a robot" check, and click **Submit**.

Option 2: Formal Filing (With Attachments)

Use this if you have prepared a PDF, document or other evidence to submit.

1. **Go to:** fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/standard
2. **Enter Proceeding Number:** Type **26-189** and click the "Prohibiting the Importation and Marketing of Certain Foreign-Produced Military-Grade UAS and UAS Critical Components" name when it pops up.
3. **Fill in Details:** Enter your name/business, email, and address.
4. **Set Filing Type:** In the "Type of Filing" dropdown, select "**COMMENT.**"
5. **Upload:** In the "Upload Documents" section, click to attach your file. Give it a clear name (e.g., *[Your Name] DJI Comments*).
6. **Finalize:** * Check the **public filing** acknowledgment box.
 - a. Select the email confirmation option.
 - b. Click **Continue to Review Screen**, pass the "I'm not a robot" check, and click **Submit**.

Note: *Anything you submit to the FCC becomes part of the public record. Avoid including sensitive private information like phone numbers or private addresses in your comments if you do not want them visible to the public.*