



December 1, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528-0525

Dear Secretary Noem:

We are writing to follow up on our letters to you dated March 3, 2025 and June 18, 2025, urging that your Department initiate the security audit of DJI Technology products as directed under Section 1709 of the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.¹ With less than one month left before the December 23, 2025 deadline mandated by Congress, we urge the Department of Homeland Security to take up this audit immediately. More than 80% of the nation's 1,800+ state and local law enforcement and emergency response agencies that operate drone programs use DJI technology; these programs will be at immediate risk if they no longer have access to the most cost effective and efficient drone technology available.

We understand that in September you indicated through written communication the Department's willingness to work with DJI to ensure the Section 1709 security review is completed consistent with Congressional intent. We appreciate this commitment, and want to reiterate that we stand ready to work with you, to be open and transparent, and provide you with the necessary information to complete a thorough review and ensure that our law enforcement officers are using the most secure and efficient equipment to complete their missions. Time is running out, and we are calling for this audit to take place immediately to avoid the automatic addition of DJI products to the FCC's Covered List if the review is not completed by December 23.

Once the Department of Homeland Security or another national security agency undertakes this review, we are confident that DJI products will withstand your scrutiny. In fact, DJI products have already undergone repeated validations by both independent firms and other U.S. government agencies, including those conducted by Booz Allen Hamilton,² FTI Consulting,³ Kivu Consulting⁴ and TÜV SÜD,⁵ as well as the U.S. Department of Interior,⁶ and the Idaho National Laboratory for CISA.⁷ Each of these organizations purchased DJI products off-the-shelf, assessed DJI's data security practices, and conducted thorough technical investigations. We coordinated with these agencies as needed and responded to any identified vulnerabilities. We are similarly prepared to cooperate during this process, and are ready to respond to and mitigate any specific vulnerabilities that may be identified if given a fair right of reply.

¹ Section 1709 of the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act "mandates that within one year of enactment, a designated national security agency must evaluate whether communications and video surveillance equipment from these manufacturers pose 'an unacceptable risk' to U.S. national security or the safety of American citizens."

² Available at: [https://terra-1-g.djicdn.com/851d20f7b9f64838a34cd02351370894/trust-center/BOOZ%20ALLEN%20HAMILTON%20-%20UAS%20COE%20AUDIT%20\(2020\).pdf](https://terra-1-g.djicdn.com/851d20f7b9f64838a34cd02351370894/trust-center/BOOZ%20ALLEN%20HAMILTON%20-%20UAS%20COE%20AUDIT%20(2020).pdf)

³ Two separate evaluations, conducted in 2022 and 2024, available at: https://security.dji.com/asset/files/2020_09--FTI%20Cybersecurity--Executive%20Summary%20of%20DJI%20Assessment.pdf and https://terra-1-g.djicdn.com/851d20f7b9f64838a34cd02351370894/trust-center/2024_09--FTI%20Cybersecurity--Executive%20Summary%20of%20DJI%20Assessment.pdf

⁴ See: <https://www.dji.com/newsroom/news/independent-study-validates-dji-data-security-practices>

⁵ See: <https://www.dji.com/newsroom/news/new-independent-audit-of-select-dji-products-successfully-tests-against-national-cybersecurity-and-privacy-protection-standards>

⁶ Available at: [https://terra-1-g.djicdn.com/851d20f7b9f64838a34cd02351370894/trust-center/U.S.%20DEPARTMENT%20OF%20INTERIOR%20AUDIT%20\(2019\).pdf](https://terra-1-g.djicdn.com/851d20f7b9f64838a34cd02351370894/trust-center/U.S.%20DEPARTMENT%20OF%20INTERIOR%20AUDIT%20(2019).pdf)

⁷ Available at: <https://terra-1-g.djicdn.com/851d20f7b9f64838a34cd02351370894/trust-center/INL-Drone-Report-Oct-2019.pdf>

In addition to undergoing and passing previous security reviews, DJI data practices and products have received security certifications from international and U.S. government standard-setting bodies, including ISO 27001, ISO 27701, NIST FIPS 140-2 CMVP Level 1, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants SOC2 certification. Further, a 2022 audit confirmed that DJI products met NIST IR 8259 and ETSI EN 303645 standards in terms of network security and privacy protection. Our drones are also GDPR-compliant and allow enterprise users to prevent unauthorized access to drone data by utilizing AES-256-XTS encryption – the longest encryption key length established by NIST when it developed its advanced encryption standard (AES).

The security of our users' data is the utmost priority, and we stake our reputation on the validity of these past audits and certifications. And as the countless commercial, public safety, and recreational users of DJI drones know, we offer features and protocols to ensure that they can remain in control of their data and what they choose to share. U.S. users cannot sync flight logs to DJI servers at all, and no images or videos are synced with DJI servers unless a user proactively chooses to do so. Users can also fly offline or in "Local Data Mode," which severs the connection between the flight app and the internet to prevent data sharing, even inadvertently. If they prefer, they can even disable the DJI flight app altogether and instead use software from third-party providers, including several American companies.

We stand behind the security of our technology, and are keen to meet with you and ensure that this Congressionally-mandated security review takes place as soon as possible so you can fulfill your commitment to carry out a fair and timely review. My team and I are available at any time to provide information that may be helpful.

The American people, including those who use DJI drones for their jobs,⁸ for their livelihoods, or for ensuring the safety and security of our communities, deserve no less.

Sincerely,



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⁸ A recent economic impact analysis found that DJI enables more than \$116 billion in economic activity across the U.S. and supports more than 450,000 American jobs.