



White House Task Force for the FIFA World Cup 2026

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Protecting America's Airspace: *President Trump Signs Legislation to Keep America's Skies Safe*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Trump Administration achieved a historic milestone on December 18th in ushering in the Golden Age of air security and travel when President Donald J. Trump signed the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to protect America's airspace against the threat of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as drones.

The NDAA provides state and local authorities with the legal authority to track and mitigate UAS that pose credible threats to relevant facilities and events. Previous laws limited the ability of local officials, who were forced to rely solely on federal law enforcement partners to interdict drones in flight.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded \$250 million, through the new Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Grant Program, to aggressively combat the unlawful use of drones that endanger the safety, security, and lives of the American people. This funding is available thanks to President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill signed in July 2025. It is the fastest non-disaster grant program in history to be executed by FEMA.

These monumental efforts not only secure major events such as the FIFA World Cup 2026 tournament next summer but also advance President Trump's initiative to reclaim the nation's airspace security and authority. They follow the President's previously signed Executive Order on Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty that directed executive departments and federal agencies to ensure control over the nation's airspace and protect the public, critical infrastructure, and mass gathering events from threats posed by rogue or hostile UAS.

"President Donald J. Trump is delivering on his promise to ensure that the largest World Cup in human history will also be the safest," said White House Task Force Executive Director Andrew Giuliani. "Thanks to his leadership, and the strong partnership of Speaker Johnson and Senate

Majority Leader Thune, as well as the important work of the Air Sovereignty Task Force, the law has caught up with technology—leaving a lasting legacy of security for future generations.”

The FY26 NDAA’s counter-UAS provisions mark one of the most significant legislative advances in homeland airspace security in recent years, reflecting a firm commitment to equip state and local authorities with tools and resources to defend their communities. A top priority of the Trump Administration is to leave behind a legacy of long-term protection against drone threats, which will be achieved through this key piece of legislation and the DHS Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Grant Program.

About the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026

The [White House Task Force FIFA World Cup 2026](#) is dedicated to leading and coordinating federal efforts in support of the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and the FIFA World Cup 2026. In collaboration with executive departments and agencies, the Task Force will facilitate comprehensive planning, organization, and execution of the largest sporting events in the history of mankind. Through interagency cooperation, information sharing, and strategic support, the Task Force aims to ensure the successful hosting of world-class international events that reflect the values, security, and hospitality of the United States of America.

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