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Dear OpenPilot friends and community,

On June 15 a plan was disclosed in the closed development chat that David Ankers was about to leave the OpenPilot project he once founded and fork it into a new project called OPNG. Since then several serious attempts have been made to contact OPNG to come to an agreement regarding control of key OpenPilot assets like forums and domain and to publish a joint statement about the new project for the community. All attempts have failed due to the unwillingness of OPNG to discuss a bilateral solution. A number of OpenPilot members, including a big part of the development team and several key members, were also locked out (banned) from the OpenPilot forum because they asked for transparency and a clarification regarding the real intentions of the OPNG fork. In addition to the undersigned members a significant number of OpenPilot users have been blocked from accessing the forums at openpilot.org.

We feel that this is an unsustainable situation, and unacceptable for a project that claims to be open.

This is the reason behind the foundation of the **LibrePilot** (<https://forum.librepilot.org/>) project.

As a team we want the product of our considerable time and effort to continue to live and to be bound by the original open nature and goals of the OpenPilot project. Obviously some things will be handled differently; one being a democratic approach to the community with a board of directors that is in charge of all important decisions. Another being that we seek to collaborate with similar projects, something that OpenPilot has not done.

There is a lot of work to do! We will take on this new and exciting challenge with the same passion we have shown during our journey with OpenPilot. We hope you will all come join us in building this new community.

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