



June 6, 2018

Chairman Ron Johnson
U.S. Senate
Committee on Homeland Security &
Government Affairs
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Claire McCaskill
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable John Hoeven
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member McCaskill, and Senator Hoeven:

On behalf of the Security Industry Association (SIA), I would like to express our strong support for S. 2836, the *Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018*, bipartisan legislation which grants new authorities to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) to administer a counter unmanned aerial systems (UAS) program to protect certain assets and perform critical missions. SIA is an international trade association representing nearly 900 security solutions providers, many of which provide public safety technology vital to homeland security.

Our member companies have made significant investments in effective counter-UAS technologies; however, updates to federal laws and regulations are required to allow the responsible integration of counter-UAS capabilities into the overall security infrastructure. Your legislation takes the important step of expanding the Federal government's capabilities to protect critical assets against the threat posed by unauthorized UAS seeking to cause serious damage against critical infrastructure.

Furthermore, we urge you to consider the pressing need for enabling the appropriate state and local government and private sector entities to utilize counter-UAS technology for public safety and critical infrastructure protection purposes. We are hopeful that the establishment of a counter-UAS program called for under S. 2836 will not only enhance the ability of covered agencies to carry out their missions, but also help provide a model and path forward for effective use of counter-UAS technologies by appropriate non-federal entities.

SIA looks forward to working with you to ensure swift passage of *Preventing Emerging Threats Act* this Congress.
Thank you for your leadership and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Erickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a stylized "E".

Don Erickson

CEO

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