



April 11, 2019

The Honorable Ann Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
320 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kuster,

On behalf of the Security Industry Association (SIA), I would like to express its strong support for your legislation, H.R. 1618, the "Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2019." SIA represents nearly 1,000 companies specializing in safety and security technology solutions, including manufacturers and installers of carbon monoxide alarm and detection devices.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced when fossil fuel is incompletely burned and can cause serious health complications if exposed in high concentrations. Side effects include cognitive impairment, loss of consciousness, coma and often death. CO poisoning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in the United States, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that every year approximately 20,000 Americans seek medical attention due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

SIA supports the goals outlined in H.R. 1618, which provides assistance for the purchase and installation of carbon monoxide detectors in residential homes and dwelling of elderly persons, childcare facilities, public schools, and student housing owned by public universities. Additionally, the proposed grant program will allow states and local governments greater ability to purchase necessary equipment and implement carbon monoxide poisoning prevention activities.

Thank you for your leadership in introducing this important piece of legislation. SIA appreciates the priority placed on this legislation and looks forward to working with you to ensure its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Erickson".

Don Erickson
CEO
Security Industry Association