

March 6, 2020

The Honorable John Barrasso
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Re: Bill S.2754 – “American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019”

Dear Senator Barrasso,

This letter addresses the proposed Bill S.2754, “American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2019” (“AIMA Bill”), which seeks to regulate the use of HFCs in aerosol products, such as the defense sprays manufactured by Safariland for law enforcement and military end-users.

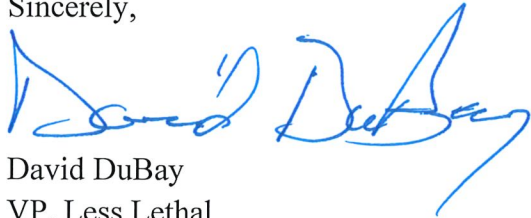
While we do not oppose the intent of the amendment to support and promote next-generation technologies, the AIMA Bill, as currently written, will negatively impact the quality and efficacy of defense spray products used by law enforcement and public safety agencies, as well as the general public. Specifically, unlike previous regulatory programs, the AIMA Bill lacks any exemption for HFC’s used in certain critical applications. Absent any such exemption, this would result in degraded performance of defense spray products and, thus, endanger law enforcement end-users or the public.

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Our American-made aerosol defense spray products are utilized by law enforcement and military personnel, as well as the public, in order to provide a less lethal response to attacks. Replacement propellants for the current HFC-134a propellant, which is used in aerosol defense sprays, have been shown to significantly degrade performance of the products. The AIMA Bill should be revised to permit these critical uses of HFC's and to ensure that states are preempted from overriding the federal government.

Sincerely,



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