

May 7, 2025

Senator John Curtis SH-502 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Senator Amy Klobuchar 425 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Curtis and Senator Klobuchar,

The American Fence Association writes to you in strong support of the Alex Gate Safety Act of 2025.

For over twenty years, the American Fence Association has partnered with industry professionals to raise awareness on gate safety. When we learned about the tragic death of seven-year-old Alex Quanbeck, our leadership and members were moved to action. While we had spent many years focused on automated gate standards, we saw the need to enhance safety guidelines for manual swing and slide gates as well.

In our work with the ASTM F14 Committee on Fences, we were able to strengthen these standards to prevent future tragedies. The Alex Gate Safety Act of 2025 incorporates these lifesaving standards and will provide the safety requirements needed to ensure other children and individuals are not injured or killed by non-compliant gates.

We are committed to continuing our work on this important issue with our partners, including The Hummingbird Alliance. The Alex Gate Safety Act of 2025 will solidify gate safety and protect generations of Americans to come.

We thank you for your work on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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