



May 8, 2025

Hon. John Curtis
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Amy Klobuchar
425 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Curtis and Senator Klobuchar,

On behalf of The Hummingbird Alliance, a not-for-profit organization focused on safety advocacy and education, we write to you in support of the Alex Gate Safety Act of 2025.

Our organization was founded in 2020 in honor of our seven-year old son Alex Quanbeck, who died December 19, 2019 while playing football during recess at his school in San Rafael, California. Alex was with other first-grade friends when an unpermitted, poorly designed and ill-maintained 300 pound rolling gate fell on him.

Since our founding, we have identified dozens of other fatalities across the country from falling gates that did not have a basic proper safety mechanism installed. These gates and fences are part of our everyday lives as they exist at schools, multifamily residential buildings, agricultural land, industrial yards and commercial properties. Our goal is to put an end to these unnecessary deaths with the simple addition of a ~\$50 part known as a "fall stop post" that is recommended by industry standards but not codified into current law.

As the recent death of a nine-year girl old at Centennial Elementary School in Tucson, Arizona demonstrates, these gates are a significant risk to public safety and we have the opportunity with the passage of this law to provide a safe environment where people learn, work and live.

Alex was the heartbeat of our family, and his spirit lives on in the work we are doing.

Thank you for your bipartisan effort to pass this important safety legislation.

Respectfully yours in safety,

Dayna & Eric Quanbeck
Alex's parents and Co-founders of The Hummingbird Alliance

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