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The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Susan Brooks
U.S. House of Representatives
1030 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Welch and Brooks:

We are writing to express our strong support for H.R. 511, the Power and Security Systems Act, which maintains an important exemption for certain security and life safety products from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) efficiency requirement for external power supplies in standby or “no-load” mode.

Security and life safety systems are always connected to the power supply and in “active” mode to detect signals from sensors and initiate alarm communications, such as fire alarm signals, etc. The power supplies that support these systems are not designed with the capability to operate in standby mode. Without Congressional action the exemption from DOE’s efficiency standard for standby mode provided under P.L. 111-360 expires for power supplies manufactured after July 1, 2017, forcing security manufactures to redesign products and retool processes – greatly increasing the cost of the equipment while yielding no energy savings.

The PASS Act will provide certainty and relief to security manufacturers, installers and service providers who employ thousands of Americans in the security industry, as well as benefit the millions of American consumers that depend on security and life safety systems.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this important matter, and all you do for our great nation.

Sincerely,

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