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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chair, Committee on
Science, Space & Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Smith:

I am writing to offer the support of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation of the American Space SAFE Management Act.

The 80+ member companies and organizations of CSF appreciate your and your staff's efforts to craft a measured, stepwise approach to "civilianizing" Space Situational Awareness, and taking steps to facilitate the development of technologies, standards, best practices, and voluntary guidelines for appropriate future space traffic coordination efforts.

This legislation represents a very good next step in the legislative process. Our members are continuing to review and provide meaningful input on the bill as it moves through Congress.

We would stress that this legislation, with appropriate minor changes, should be seen as a ceiling on what is appropriate for Congress to legislate at this time. It lays the foundation for focused research and development, consultative program initiation, and efforts to enable future coordination activities, as necessary. While it is important to define and assign initial roles and responsibilities in the relatively near term, Congress cannot effectively anticipate or prejudge how the future of space traffic issues will evolve. Therefore, it is not necessary to grant any agency broad authority to craft regulations when we have not yet defined the best practices, industry standards, and voluntary guidelines that must be shown to be insufficient before regulatory power is granted.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views to the Committee on this important legislation.

Yours truly,

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President
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cc: Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space
and Technology