



September 23, 2024

The Honorable Michael McCaul
Chairman
House Foreign Affairs Committee
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Ranking Member
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Gregory Meeks
Ranking Member
House Foreign Affairs Committee
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable James Risch
Ranking Member
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman McCaul, Chairman Cardin, Ranking Member Meeks, and Ranking Member Risch:

On behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), representing hundreds of American aerospace and defense (A&D) companies, thank you for your continued leadership in advancing global trade with U.S. allies and partners. AIA writes to express our strong support for the *Missile Technology Controls Revision Act*, H.R. 8892, and the corresponding Senate amendment, S. AMDT. 2708 to S. 4638. These vital legislative initiatives will modernize and streamline missile technology export controls, providing the necessary flexibility to better align U.S. security interests with the needs of our closest allies.

The proposed changes in these bills, including the removal of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) exemption from the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) Section 38 (j), are crucial for enabling the United States to adapt its missile technology policy to address evolving global threats. The legislation's focus on expediting the transfer of MTCR-controlled systems and the removal of unnecessary regulatory barriers will bolster U.S. national security and ensure that our allies are equipped to address common threats in a timely manner.

AIA welcomes the comprehensive reporting requirements outlined in both the House and Senate bills, which will provide valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with the MTCR. These measures are essential for maintaining the integrity of global nonproliferation regimes while ensuring that U.S. companies remain competitive in the global market.

Our members look forward to working with Congress as it strengthens industrial cooperation through bilateral and multilateral security partnerships such as the Australia – United Kingdom – United States (AUKUS) agreement. This legislation would advance U.S. leadership abroad and promote security cooperation through accelerated defense trade.

AIA and the aerospace and defense industry urge the House and Senate to bring the *Missile Technology Controls Revision Act* and S. AMDT. 2708 to S. 4638 to the floor for consideration to enhance industrial cooperation, promote security cooperation, and reaffirm U.S. leadership in the defense sector.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue. AIA and our member companies look forward to continuing to work with you on this crucial national security issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Fanning", is written over a light blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric Fanning
President and CEO
Aerospace Industries Association