February 25, 2021

Senator Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
S-221  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
S-230  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

We write to ask that Section 3610 Federal Contractor Authority of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act be extended to September 30, 2021, as freestanding legislation, as we have introduced, or as a provision on the next appropriate legislative vehicle.

This authority was last extended in the omnibus appropriations act for fiscal year 2021 and is due to expire on March 31, 2021. We believe extending this authority given the prolongation of the global pandemic is critically important to the resilience of our national security industrial base. Section 3610 has proven to be an important means of providing necessary relief during the pandemic to critical Intelligence Community industry partners—and particularly to small businesses that provide highly specialized capabilities—to retain key national security capabilities.

We look forward working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Warner  
Chairman  

Marco Rubio  
Vice Chairman