Security Industry Policy Priorities

Our **#1 priority** this year is to ***protect the Lower 900 MHz band***, which is heavily utilized by security devices across our industry. Please see our additional handout related directly to this policy priority.

Lower 900 MHz Band

The Lower 900 MHz Band of spectrum is used by millions of part 15 devices including alarm, electronic access, and security camera technologies among other security and life safety equipment essential for protecting homes, small businesses, and critical infrastructure. We support the protection of unlicensed device use in this band so that the technologies used to protect public safety and American families can continue to operate in a competitive environment that drives growth and innovation.

There is currently a petition before the FCC (WTB 24-240) that seeks to roll back a non-interference requirement in the Lower 900 MHz Band in order to restructure it for the implementation of a back-up GPS service, despite the fact that other non-interfering alternatives exist. If this petition for rulemaking is granted and the proposed high-power network is deployed, millions of devices that are critical for the public safety and protection of American life will simply stop working properly.

Requested Action: Please urge the FCC to dismiss the NextNav petition.

School Security

More must be done to secure our schools, and we support increasing federal assistance to schools struggling with the cost of meeting security needs, and as well as initiatives encouraging nationwide use of best practices and standards for school security, including the *PASS Safety and Security Guidelines for K-12 Schools* and the *ASIS School Security Standard*, an ANSI-approved standard.

- The security industry supports increasing funding for the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) at the Department of Justice. FY 2026 is the last year of supplemental funding for programs authorized by the STOP School Violence Act. SVPP received annual appropriations of $53 million for the past 5 years, for a total of $73 million for the program each year with supplemental funding.
- The FY26 Labor-HHS-ED Appropriations measure included a new $20 million School Safety Enhancement Grant program, a competitively awarded program to support schools with implementation of best practices following school safety incidents, including implementation of recommendations in the federal government review of the active shooter incident at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX.

Requested Actions:
- Please request $73 million for SVPP in FY27 appropriations, in order to maintain the current funding level for this program.
- Please request $20 million in FY27 funding for the School Safety Enhancement Grant program in FY27 appropriations in order to continue this important new program.

Protecting our country, our citizens and our economy is the ultimate mission of the security industry, which contributes over $430 billion to the economy and provides more than 2.1 million jobs in the United States. We advocate for policies that **support the growth of tech-focused jobs** in our industry and the effectiveness of our work to **secure the future and ensure a safer world**.

Many of these technologies will be crucial for protecting large upcoming events such as the 2026 World Cup, 2028 Olympic Games and America 250 celebrations set to be held in the United States.

Counter-UAS Legislation

- The security industry strongly supports lawmakers taking crucial and long-overdue steps needed to address growing threats posed by the weaponization or misuse of drones.

- We congratulate lawmakers for passing both the SAFER SKIES Act and the COUNTER Act as a part of the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). These provisions expanded legal authorities for drone detection, tracking, identification and mitigation to trained state and local law enforcement officials and correctional facility personnel.

- The industry supports additional authorities for trained security personnel protecting critical infrastructure and events.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Data Privacy

- AI-driven technologies are critical to today's safety and security applications and have been the primary source of innovation in the security industry, enabling groundbreaking improvements in capabilities to protect businesses and consumers and bolster public safety.

- We support development and use of AI technologies in ways that are human-centric, ethical and trustworthy and that mitigate potential risks, and we support policies that allow society to continue to harness the benefits of AI for enhancing safety and security.

- We also support the development of a national data privacy framework providing uniform rules for how businesses and consumers manage personal data that consider the unique role of safety and security applications for effective utilization of technologies.

- We also support the creation of a baseline federal AI policy that would preempt any state laws seeking to broadly regulate AI technology. While we respect that State lawmakers have made steps to regulate emerging technologies in their own jurisdictions, this risks creation of a patchwork of conflicting rules that could make compliance difficult or even impossible.