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COUNCIL TESTIFIES ON THE SAFETY ACT BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY, INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION, AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES

WASHINGTON – The organization representing the leading companies that provide homeland security solutions to the marketplace testified today on the SAFETY Act, encouraging Congress to make the Act a higher priority of the administration and to better promote its use within the government and to the business community. The Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002 (SAFETY Act) was enacted to provide legal liability protections for providers of products or services that meet specific requirements as a “qualified anti-terrorism technology.”

At the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies hearing “*Unlocking the SAFETY Act’s Potential to Promote Technology and Combat Terrorism*” Marc Pearl, President & CEO of the Homeland Security & Defense Business Council, expressed the Council’s desire to improve the process, achieve the priorities, and ensure greater public support of the SAFETY Act. Many of the Council’s members – that deliver the homeland security solutions to the marketplace – have products certified by the SAFETY Act.

“The Council and its members are committed to increasing the understanding and further deployment of SAFETY Act-approved technologies, and encouraging a strong and responsible application process that gives confidence in the products and service granted SAFETY Act protections,” said Marc Pearl, President & CEO of the Council. “Only when there is substantive engagement between the government and the private sector can we successfully deliver effective, efficient, and fiscally responsible high quality solutions to our citizens.”

View the testimony at: http://www.homelandcouncil.org/pdfs/pdfs/safety_act_testimony052611.pdf

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About the Council

The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization of the leading companies that bring homeland security solutions to the marketplace. It works to ensure that the perspective, innovation, expertise and capabilities of the private sector are recognized, respected and integrated with the public sector. For more information, please visit www.homelandcouncil.org.