

CONGRESS INTRODUCES BIPARTISAN GATE SAFETY BILL



On May 8, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota) and John Curtis (R-Utah) introduced the Alex Gate Safety Act of 2025. The bipartisan legislation is designed to create and enforce a consumer product safety standard for large and potentially hazardous gates often installed in residential, commercial, and recreational settings.

According to Senator Curtis, “By establishing uniform safety standards and launching a national education campaign, the bill aims to prevent further harm and raise awareness among manufacturers, installers, consumers, and local authorities.”

A group effort

The AFA announced that the bipartisan legislation is the culmination of extensive collaboration with industry partners including U.S. senators, the AFA, the ASTM Committee, DASMA, and the unwavering support of dedicated contractors who work daily to install high-quality fencing and gate systems.

DASMA members worked directly with the AFA and The Hummingbird Alliance to develop the bill’s provisions and have expressed continual support. The bill directs the Consumer Protection Safety Commission to issue a consumer standard for large vehicular gates and to launch a national campaign to

raise public awareness about the need for safety devices on large vehicular gates.

Turning tragedy into safety

The Alex Gate Safety Act is named in memory of Alex Quanbeck, a seven-year-old boy who tragically lost his life after being crushed by a falling gate during school recess.

The full press release from Senator Curtis can be found at <https://www.curtis.senate.gov/press-releases/curtis-klobuchar-introduce-bipartisan-gate-safety-bill>. The Senate bill can be found at <https://www.curtis.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/BAI25138.pdf>.

DASMA will continue to monitor the progress of this legislation. ■

FEEDBACK FROM INDUSTRY PARTNERS AND LEGISLATION COLLABORATORS

“By codifying industry standards, our Alex Gate Safety Act will save lives and prevent needless heartbreak.”

– John Curtis, U.S. senator

“The AFA has worked with industry partners on gate safety standards for over twenty years. The Alex Gate Safety Act of 2025 reflects many of these life-saving standards.”

– Michael Reed, AFA executive director

“We are excited to see this bipartisan effort advancing the important and overlooked priority of gate safety.”

– Dave Monsour, DASMA technical director

“By integrating language from existing standards, we successfully revised our manual gate specifications to include guidelines that address safety concerns. What might seem like a minor wording change in a document can have a profound impact on the entire industry.”

– Ben Shirley, chair of the ASTM F14 Committee on Fences

“The true tragedy in our son Alex’s death is that it was preventable, and today we honor his memory by advancing bipartisan, common-sense legislation to protect Americans from falling gates like the one that collapsed on him.”

– Eric and Dayna Quanbeck,
Alex’s parents and founders of The Hummingbird Alliance