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December 16, 2024

Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

With the ongoing reports of unidentified unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) sightings in southeastern Pennsylvania, I urgently request the Department of Homeland Security deploy additional resources to the state. While federal briefings indicate there is no immediate threat to public safety, it is imperative our communities in Pennsylvania are protected and questions on the presence of these drones are answered.

Specifically, I am requesting the Department of Homeland Security deploy appropriate drone-tracking technology. Special drone detection systems are necessary to understand the flight patterns and security risks posed by these UAS. As they appear to move into Pennsylvania from New York and New Jersey, state-of-the-art radar systems will provide insights into where these drones are deploying from and what the motives for their flights may be.

Pennsylvanians should not have to be afraid of what may be flying over their homes or over areas of critical infrastructure. It is critical that the Department of Homeland Security provide the necessary technology and drone detection resources to Pennsylvania, as well as continue to collaborate effectively with local and state authorities in your investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this request for information, please contact my office at (202) 225-4276.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Fitzpatrick".

Brian K. Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress