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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

RE: Senate Bill 889: Controlled Hazardous Substance Capacity Permit – Research Facilities –
Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 889 provides an exception to the law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit in order to allow for the incineration of small quantities of chemical warfare materials at a research facility done for research, development or demonstration purposes.

This exception would allow the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Developments Command's (CCDC's) Chemical Biological Center (CBC), the nation's provider of innovative chemical and biological defense solutions, to conduct much needed and critical research and development activities that they are uniquely equipped to safely execute at the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). Such activities serve to protect our military, first responders and the nation from chemical and biological warfare agents.

I request the committee's favorable consideration of Senate Bill 889.