

**(Washington, D.C.)** – U.S. Representative Mike Coffman today praised the Conference Report for the FY2013 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 4310) for reforming satellite export licensing by returning authority to determine appropriate export controls for satellites to the President. This will help U.S. satellite manufacturers and related industries by increasing markets and business opportunities worldwide.

“Colorado is home to a huge aerospace economy. We have over 160,000 people employed in space-related jobs,” Coffman said. “If we remove unnecessary and onerous export controls, Colorado’s space industry will expand and create high-paying jobs throughout our state.” “Unnecessarily strict export controls are a burden and hurt our ability to compete in the global market. Satellite export reform is long overdue but I am glad it has arrived” Coffman said. “There is no reason why we should lose business in an industry we developed and lead.”

Coffman was an original cosponsor of the Safeguarding United States Satellite Leadership and Security Act of 2011 (H.R. 3288). It was included as an amendment in the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act.

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