

January 24, 2019

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Greg Walden
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Rogers, Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Walden:

The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Coalition comprises a diverse group of trade associations and companies impacted by the CFATS regulations. Coalition members represent major sectors of the American economy, including chemical production, chemical distribution and storage, manufacturing, oil and gas refining, electric companies, mining, and agricultural goods and services.

We applaud your bipartisan leadership to ensure the continuity of the CFATS program. The businesses we represent are vital to the American economy, making modern society possible. To ensure our country's economic stability and national security, our members are dedicated to the protection of their facilities.

Since the CFATS program was established in 2007, our industries have invested millions of dollars and instituted thousands of new security measures at our facilities. The continuity of the CFATS program will provide industry with the regulatory certainty needed to make long-term security investments at their facilities.

The CFATS Coalition intends to work closely with Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, and other stakeholders to ensure the continued viability of the CFATS program. We wish to maintain an open and cooperative relationship with all parties to develop a multi-year reauthorization bill.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you to move CFATS reauthorization forward.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Petroleum Institute
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Warehouse Logistics Association
National Association of Chemical Distributors
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

American Chemistry Council
American Gas Association
Edison Electric Institute
International Liquid Terminals Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Mining Association
National Propane Gas Association
The Fertilizer Institute

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The Honorable Cedric Richmond, Chairman, House Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection

The Honorable John Ratcliffe, Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection

The Honorable Paul Tonko, Chairman, House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change