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 Chemistry Council  
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers  
American Gas Association  
American Petroleum Institute  
Edison Electric Institute  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
International Liquid Terminals Association  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Mining Association  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates  
National Propane Gas Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
The Fertilizer Institute
cc:
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