

March 3, 2023

The Honorable Gary Peters
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
& Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark E. Green M.D.
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rand Paul
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Peters and Green and Ranking Members Paul and Thompson:

With the current CFATS authorization set to expire on July 27, 2023, The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Coalition requests that your Committees make multi-year reauthorization of CFATS a priority.

The 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, utilities, mining, and agricultural goods and services. The businesses we represent are vital to the American economy. Reauthorization of CFATS will provide the certainty our industries need to make planning and investment decisions.

With a full congressional calendar in 2023, it is critical for your committees to take up CFATS reauthorization legislation as soon as possible, and be mindful of the need to continue CFATS Authority past the current expiration date. Since the CFATS Coalition's establishment in 2007, our industries have invested millions of dollars and instituted thousands of new security measures at our facilities. The "Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act" of 2014 (P.L. 113-254), which for the first time provided CFATS a multi-year authorization, provided regulatory certainty to both industry and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We look forward to working with the committees of jurisdiction on the Coalition's priorities and urge you to swiftly consider CFATS reauthorization so it can move through the legislative process and be signed into law before there is a threat of a program lapse. Doing so will provide needed certainty and security.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Chemistry Council
American Gas Association
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Petroleum Institute
International Liquid Terminals Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives

Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Mining Association
National Propane Gas Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates
The Fertilizer Institute
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Members of the House Committee on Homeland Security