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ACC APPLAUDS SENATE ACTION TO SAVE CHEMICAL SECURITY PROGRAM

WASHINGTON (July 8, 2020) – The American Chemistry Council released the below statement regarding Senate approval of a bill ([S. 4148](#)) that provides a three-year extension of the [Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards \(CFATS\)](#).

The following statement can be attributed to the American Chemistry Council (ACC):

“We would like to thank Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Peters as well as Senators Capito, Carper, Inhofe and Lankford for their hard work in putting together bipartisan legislation that will provide a multi-year extension and much needed stability to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program. The past few months have demonstrated how vital the chemical industry is to the health and stability of our nation, and why this critical security program is needed to help protect the dedicated men and women who work at chemical facilities across the country.

“Both the House and Senate have made significant progress over the past few months to help support the fight against terrorism, and the passage of this bill by the Senate is a major step toward saving CFATS. We urge Congress to continue to work together and send a bill to the president for his signature as soon as possible.”

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