



Statement

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ACC WELCOMES HOUSE ACTION TO SAVE CHEMICAL SECURITY PROGRAM AND URGES PRESIDENT TO SIGN BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON (July 20, 2020) – The American Chemistry Council released the statement below regarding House approval of [S. 4148](#), which [passed the Senate earlier this month](#) and provides a three-year extension of the [Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards \(CFATS\)](#). President Trump will need to sign the bill into law on or before July 23rd to prevent the CFATS program from expiring.

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

“We applaud the House for taking swift action to help save the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program. Specifically, we appreciate the leadership demonstrated by Chairmen Thompson and Pallone and Ranking Members Rogers and Walden to pull together a bipartisan solution. CFATS is vital to national security and to the safety of our industry because it provides a national standard for protecting chemical facilities, employees and communities from a potential attack.

“Allowing CFATS to expire would be a big step backwards when it comes to safeguarding the chemical sector and the ongoing fight against terrorism. The unanimous votes in the House and Senate to keep CFATS in place demonstrates that lawmakers understand the importance of providing the regulatory stability that our industry and the Department of Homeland Security need to support the ongoing effort to secure chemical facilities.

“We urge President Trump to sign the legislation into law as soon as possible so we can continue our work with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure the continued success of CFATS.”

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working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

