

February 26, 2019

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson and Ranking Member Rogers:

The undersigned groups are writing to you on behalf of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Coalition to thank you for promptly holding an oversight hearing on the CFATS program and your commitment to preserving one of America's most important national security programs.

Our diverse group of trade associations and companies have worked closely with Congress and the Department of Homeland Security on CFATS since its inception to help ensure the program delivers results. Members of the Coalition represent the major sectors of the American economy that are impacted by CFATS, including chemical production, chemical distribution and terminals, manufacturing, oil and gas refining, utilities, mining, and agricultural goods and services.

The constituencies we represent are vital to the American economy and are equally committed to safeguarding chemical facilities. That is why we continue to be strong proponents of a long-term reauthorization of CFATS, which is vital to providing the certainty our industries need to make sound security planning and investment decisions.

We are also committed to working with this committee, and the other committees of jurisdiction, to find opportunities to keep moving CFATS forward and for improvements on how the program is implemented.

Working together we can achieve our national security goals in a fashion that protects chemical facilities, while at the same time providing a regulatory environment that helps advance economic growth and innovation.

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
The Fertilizer Institute

American Chemistry Council
American Gas Association
Edison Electric Institute
International Liquid Terminals Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Mining Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Cc:

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

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