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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Thomas Coburn
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Coburn:

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) would like to thank you and your colleagues on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee for your leadership on The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014. ACC strongly supports this bill which would give much needed long term authorization to the CFATS program. CFATS regulates security for a wide variety of facilities that make, store, or use chemicals from farms to factories. The program allows facilities to tailor their security plans to meet their unique needs, and authorization of the program would give the industry long overdue regulatory certainty.

ACC is the trade association for the chemical industry in the United States, which is a \$770 billion industry and employs 784,000 Americans in high wage jobs. The industry is experiencing a renaissance thanks to the increase in domestic shale gas production, and our members have announced over \$110 billion in new planned capital expenditures that will provide tens of thousands of new jobs, and give manufacturers throughout the value chain a domestic supply of the chemicals they need to manufacture products in this country. Ensuring that clear and workable security regulations remain in place is an important part of creating an environment that will continue to foster these new investments.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has dramatically improved its administration of the CFATS program, which has had a positive impact on enhancing security at US chemical sites, and ACC supports making this a permanent program for the approximately 4,500 sites that are regulated under CFATS. Congressional oversight via an authorization would help DHS with some of the challenges they have faced implementing the program, even as the agency has made progress with a new management structure. The industry has seen considerable increased activity from DHS, including improved quality of inspections and faster authorizations. Most importantly, DHS leadership has demonstrated a commitment to working with stakeholders to improve the implementation of the CFATS program.



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A long term authorization outside of the appropriation process will provide the regulatory consistency and operational stability to ensure the success of CFATS, while giving industry confidence in their long term capital commitments to this program. Ensuring the future of this important program will also help DHS recruit and retain top talent to effectively implement CFATS.

Please contact Mike Meenan, Director of Federal Affairs at michael_meenan@americanchemistry.com or at (202) 249-6216 if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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