

# CONGRESS MUST ACT TO SAVE CHEMICAL SECURITY PROGRAM

The country lost an important tool in the fight against terrorism when the **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS)** program was allowed to expire on July 27th, 2023. Congress **must** support national security and help protect our industry by reinstating CFATS.

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The chemical industry manufactures products that are vital to the everyday health and well-being of our nation, which is why the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated the chemical industry as critical infrastructure.



CFATS is the only national program that addresses chemical security specifically. While other agencies primarily regulate chemical facilities for accidents impacting communities, workers and the environment, CFATS concentrates on intentional attacks against chemical facilities.



CFATS takes a balanced and focused approach to regulating companies. The program provides flexibility for small businesses to tailor their approach to address their unique security needs and uses a tiered approach to reduce regulatory burdens.



CFATS provides valuable tools that help companies secure their facilities. Through CFATS, companies submit current and prospective worker's names to be vetted against the FBI's terrorist database. The program also helps companies tap into the knowledge at DHS to identify security vulnerabilities, including cyberthreats.



CFATS has a solid 15-year regulatory history, and the program has delivered solid results for chemical facilities, workers and communities across the country. According to a recent analysis by DHS, security measures at CFATS regulated facilities have increased by 60%. As a result, the country is more secure.