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Governmental Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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U.S. House of Representatives
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Ranking Member Rand Paul
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RE: American Coatings Association (ACA) Letter of Support for the Reauthorization of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program

Dear Chairmen Peters and Green and Ranking Members Paul and Thompson,

On behalf of the paint and coatings industry, we write to you to express our support for the reauthorization of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. The American Coatings Association (ACA) is the premier trade association for manufacturers of paints and coatings and their raw material suppliers. With member companies who own and operate paint, coating, and chemical manufacturing facilities, ACA strongly supports the safe handling and use of chemicals. It is imperative that the CFATS program is reauthorized to maintain safe and secure chemical facilities. As such, ACA supports a multi-year, clean reauthorization of CFATS before the program expires on July 27, 2023.

For the past 12 years, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has worked with many industries to develop a program that is considered the global standard for chemical security. The program's primary mission is to help reduce the risk of a terrorist attack on chemical facilities by addressing a wide range of potential terrorist threats, including cyberattacks.

CFATS provides a uniform, national program for regulating chemical security. Continuity of this framework provides the certainty required for the considerable planning and investment decisions that are needed to protect both our facilities and the surrounding communities. Allowing CFATS to expire would open the door for agencies with no anti-terrorism expertise to fill the void, or a patchwork of state and local regulations that may vary widely in scope and effectiveness. This

could result in inconsistent anti-terrorism standards across the country and could undermine national security.

ACA believes that a multi-year, clean reauthorization is needed to maintain this vital and effective program. Multi-year reauthorization is not only in the best interests of protecting our industry, but for our country. ACA looks forward to working with Congress to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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