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American Bankers Association
American Council on Education
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Gaming Association



American Hotel and Lodging Association
American Land Title Association
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American Resort Development Association
American Society of Association Executives
Associated General Contractors of America
Association of American Railroads
Association of Art Museum Directors
Bank Policy Institute
Building Owners and Managers Association International
Boston Properties
Citigroup Inc.
Community Associations Institute
CRE Finance Council
CSX Corporation
Edison Electric Institute
Emerson
Food Marketing Institute
Hilton Worldwide
Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.
Institute of Real Estate Management
InterContinental Hotel Group
International Council of Shopping Centers
International Franchise Association
International Safety Equipment Association
International Speedway Corporation
Long Island Import Export Association
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Mortgage Bankers Association
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National Apartment Association
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of REALTORS
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The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR)
National Association of Waterfront Employers
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Football League
National Hockey League
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
New England Council
Partnership for NYC
Public Utilities Risk Management Association
Office of the Commissioner of Baseball
The Real Estate Board of New York
The Real Estate Roundtable
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United Airlines
Union Pacific
University Risk Management and Insurance Association
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senator
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

The Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism (“CIAT”) is pleased to support the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019 (S. 2877), and we urge you to add your name as a co-sponsor of this important measure.

CIAT is a broad coalition of commercial insurance consumers formed immediately after 9/11 to ensure that all American businesses could obtain comprehensive terrorism insurance. The diverse CIAT membership represents commercial real estate, banking, energy, construction, hotel and hospitality, higher education, manufacturing, transportation, entertainment, the major league sports and racing, as well as public sector buyers of insurance.

S. 2877 provides a seven-year reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (“TRIA”), and requires an examination of the evolving risk of cyber terrorism, as well as the impact of the program on places of worship. This legislation recognizes the critical importance of ensuring that the TRIA backstop remains in place, while keeping an eye on evolving risks and potential market impacts. The Senate Banking Committee approved the measure by voice vote on November 20th; the House of Representatives passed a nearly identical version on November 18th by an overwhelming 385-22 vote.

TRIA has evolved substantially since its original enactment after 9/11, and the program includes numerous taxpayer-protection features to ensure that the private sector bears much of the risk for terrorism losses, while ensuring that this coverage remains available. As part of its economic national security, America needs a stable, reliable, and competitive terrorism insurance market so employers can invest in assets and create jobs without assuming the risk and liabilities of a terrorist attack. TRIA has been the key factor in ensuring that the private insurance market has remained intact and continues to meet the needs of commercial policyholders during the on-going threat of a future terrorist attack – all while minimizing federal taxpayer exposure.

We are grateful to Senators Thom Tillis and Tina Smith, the sponsors of S. 2877, for their leadership in introducing this important legislation, and we urge you to support them in securing its passage by the full Senate by adding your name as a co-sponsor. We thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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