

September 17, 2019

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The undersigned organizations, representing a wide variety of business interests, urge Congress to work swiftly to pass a long-term reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) which is currently set to expire at the end of 2020.

The tragic terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, fundamentally changed the landscape for insuring against the risk of terrorism in the United States. Struck with an inability to model frequency, location, and the potentially devastating scale of modern terrorism, insurers were forced to pull out of the marketplace, and in the months following the attacks, the inability of insurance policyholders to secure terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in the construction, travel and tourism, and real estate finance sectors.

Since its initial enactment in 2002, TRIA has served as a vital public-private risk sharing mechanism, ensuring that private terrorism risk insurance coverage remains available to commercial businesses, educational institutions and non-profit organizations at virtually no cost to the taxpayer. According to a 2019 Marsh study, the education, media, financial institutions, real estate, hospitality and gaming, and health care sectors had the highest 'take-up' rates among the 17 industry segments surveyed – all above 70%. TRIA fosters certainty in the marketplace and allows all of these interconnected elements of the economy to continue to move forward.

In 2018, the Treasury Department reported that “the Program has made terrorism risk insurance available and affordable in the United States, and the market for terrorism risk insurance has been relatively stable for the past decade.” Absent TRIA, there is not sufficient insurance and reinsurance capital available to provide comprehensive terrorism coverage to U.S. insurance buyers.

To this end, the undersigned organizations urge Congress to promptly enact a “clean” long-term extension of this vital program. Previous reforms to the program have minimized taxpayer exposure making further reforms unnecessary. In fact, the key “dials” are already effectively indexed to premium growth at both the company and industry level, and the federal share will continue to decrease in future years even if Congress makes no changes to the program beyond a simple change of the expiration date.

Making changes to the TRIA mechanism to increase insurer retentions could affect the ability of many insurers, particularly smaller and mid-sized companies, to write risks or markets altogether, which ultimately impacts the ability of policyholders to secure adequate coverage. Maintaining a workable federal terrorism insurance mechanism is vital for our nation’s economic security, and without adequate coverage, our ability to mitigate further economic fallout in the

event of an attack would be greatly impaired. There is no homeland security without economic security.

The American business community remembers all too well the twelve-day lapse in the program in early 2015 and the disruption that lapse played in a variety of markets. We urge Congress to help provide much needed certainty by passing a long-term reauthorization of this important program without delay.

Sincerely,

A.I.M. Mutual Insurance Companies

ACIG Insurance Company

Alliance Security

Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty

American Association of Port Authorities

American Bankers Association

American Council of Engineering  
Companies

American Council on Education

American Family Insurance

American Gaming Association

American Property Casualty Insurance  
Association

American Public Power Association

American Resort Development  
Association

American Short Line and Regional  
Railroad Association

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce

Aon

Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce  
and Visitor Center

ARCTRUST

Argo Group

Arrow Mutual Liability Insurance  
Company

Associated General Contractors of  
America

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

Association of American Railroads

Atlantic Charter Insurance Company

AvalonBay Communities Inc.

AXA XL

Ballard Spahr LLP

Barron Mutual Insurance Company

Barton Mutual Insurance Company

Beacon Capital Partners, LLC

Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company

Benton Mutual Insurance Association

Black Hawk Mutual Insurance Company

Bloomfield Mutual Insurance Company

Boise Metro Chamber

Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

Boston Properties

Bradford Victor-Adams Mutual Insurance Company

Bremer Mutual Insurance Association

Broad Reach Retail Partners, LLC

Brookfield Properties

Broome Co-operative Insurance Company

Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce

Bucksbaum Properties

Builders Mutual Insurance Company

California Association of Boutique & Breakfast Inns

California Hotel & Lodging Association

Camarillo Chamber of Commerce

CapSpecialty

CCIM Institute

Celina Mutual Insurance Company

Central Illinois Mutual Insurance Company

Century Mutual Insurance Association

Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company

Chester County Chamber

Chubb (Pennsylvania)

CM Group

CNA Financial

Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism (CIAT)

Columbia Insurance Group

Community Associations Institute

Community Insurance Company

Co-operative Insurance Companies

Corporate Office Properties Trust

Cousins Properties

Decatur Chamber of Commerce

CRE Finance Council

CSX

Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company

CUNA Mutual Group

Cushman & Wakefield Inc.

Davis Chamber of Commerce

Donahue Schriber Realty Group

Draper Area Chamber of Commerce

Dundee Mutual Insurance Company

Dunham & Chemung Mutual Insurance Company

East Tennessee Mutual Insurance Company

Eastern Iowa Mutual Insurance Association

EastGroup Properties

Edison Electric Institute

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce

El Centro Chamber of Commerce

El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce

Electric Insurance Company

Erie Insurance

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

Extra Space Storage

Falls City Mutual Insurance Company Inc.

Farmers Home Fire Insurance Company of West Virginia, Inc.

Farmers Home Insurance Company

Farmers Insurance Company of Flemington

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Marble

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company

Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Manchester

Farmers Pioneer Mutual Insurance Company

Farmers Protective Mutual Insurance Company

Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company (AR)

Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company (ND)

Farmers' and Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Company

Farmland Partners Inc.

First Maxfield Mutual Insurance Association

Food Marketing Institute

Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association (FEDA)

Forreston Mutual Insurance Company

Forward Mutual Insurance Company

Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company

Frederick Mutual Insurance Company

Gallagher Real Estate & Hospitality Services

General Reinsurance Corporation

German-American Farm Mutual Insurance Company

Gilroy Chamber of Commerce

Governmental Interinsurance Exchange

Grange Insurance

Great American Insurance Group

Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce

Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce

Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce

Greater New York Mutual Insurance Company

Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce

Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company

Hamel Mutual Insurance Company

Hamlet Mutual Insurance Company

Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce

Harding & Perkins Farm Mutual Insurance Company

Harford Mutual Insurance Company

Hawaii Employers Mutual Insurance Company  
Heritage Mutual Insurance Association  
Hilton Hotels & Resorts  
Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Insurance Association  
Horse Prairie Mutual Insurance Company  
Host Hotels & Resorts  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
Household & Commercial Products Association  
Hueneme Chamber of Commerce  
Humboldt Mutual Insurance Association  
Hutensky Capital Partners  
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)  
IFG Companies  
Illinois Association of Mutual Insurance Companies  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
IMT Insurance Company  
Independence Realty Trust  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Innovative Signal Analysis  
International Franchise Association  
International Speedway Corporation  
International Safety Equipment Association

Island Insurance Companies  
Jo Daviess Mutual Insurance Company  
Kane County Mutual Insurance Company  
Kilroy Realty Corporation  
Kite Realty  
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lamar Advertising Company  
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce  
LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company  
Laredo Chamber of Commerce  
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Lexington Chamber of Commerce  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Liberty Property Trust  
Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce  
Lititz Mutual Insurance Company  
Livingston Mutual Insurance Company  
Lloyd's of London  
Lodi Chamber of Commerce  
Loews Hotels & Co  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Long Beach Hospitality Alliance  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
LWD Inc.  
Marana Chamber of Commerce  
Marriott International

Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce

Medical Properties Trust, Inc.

Mendota Mutual Insurance Company

Mennonite Mutual Insurance Company

Merchants Mutual Insurance Company

Mesa Chamber of Commerce

MetLife

MFS Mutual Insurance Company

MGM Resorts International

Mid-State Farmers Mutual Insurance Company

Millers Mutual Group

Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation

Mortgage Bankers Association

Mound Prairie Mutual Insurance Company

Mower County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company

MS & AD Insurance Group

Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.

Muscatine Mutual Insurance Association

Mutual of Indiana Insurance Company

Mutual of Wausau Group

NAMA—The National Automatic Merchandising Association

National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (Nareit)

National Apartment Association

National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR)

National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)

National Association of Home Builders

National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)

National Association of Professional Employer Organizations

National Association of REALTORS®

National Association of Surety Bond Producers

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Electrical Contractors Association

National Fire & Casualty Company

National Fire & Indemnity Exchange

National Hockey League

National Investor Relations Institute

National Multifamily Housing Council

National Restaurant Association

National Retail Federation

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

National Waste & Recycling Association

Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company

New Prague-Ceska-Louisville Mutual Insurance Company

New Vienna Mutual Insurance Association  
Nonprofits Insurance Alliance  
Norfolk & Dedham Mutual Fire Insurance Company  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
North Orange County Chamber  
North Star Mutual Insurance Company  
Northern Finnish Mutual Insurance Company  
Norwegian Mutual Insurance Association  
Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)  
Oakwood Mutual Insurance Company  
Ohio Mutual Insurance Group  
OneBeacon Insurance Group, LLC  
Orthopaedic Research Society  
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce  
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce  
Park Hotels & Resorts  
Partnership for New York City  
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Patriot Insurance Company  
Pella Mutual Insurance Company  
Penn Charter Mutual Insurance Company  
Penn National Insurance  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company  
Peoples Mutual Insurance Association

Peru Waltham Mutual Insurance  
Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Group  
Pioneer State Mutual Insurance Company  
PMA Companies  
Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Association  
Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Prophetstown Farmers Mutual Insurance Company  
Rayonier, Inc.  
Real Estate Board of New York  
Regional Chamber of Commerce - San Gabriel Valley  
Reinsurance Association of America  
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce  
Restoration Risk Retention Group, Inc.  
Riverton Chamber of Commerce  
Rockford Mutual Insurance Company  
Rolling Meadows Chamber  
Rudin Management Company, Inc.  
Safety National Casualty Corp.  
Safety Specialty Insurance Company  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
Seaview Investors LLC  
SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment  
SECURA Insurance Companies  
Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Information  
Seneca, Sigel Mutual Insurance Company

Sentry Insurance  
Shelbyville Mutual Insurance Company  
Shelter Insurance  
Shopping Center Interests, LLC  
Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)  
Society Insurance, A Mutual Company  
South Jordan Chamber of Commerce  
Southeast Mutual Insurance Company  
Southern Company  
Southwest California Legislative Council  
Southwest Iowa Mutual Insurance Association  
Spirit Realty Capital  
Spring Vale Mutual Insurance Company  
Starr Companies  
Steele Traill County Mutual Insurance Company  
Stephenson County Mutual Insurance Company  
Sterling Insurance Company  
Stirling Properties, LLC  
STORE Capital  
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Svea Mutual Insurance Company  
Sverdrup Mutual Insurance Company  
Swiss Re Americas  
Tama County Mutual Insurance Association

Taubman Centers  
Tenaska  
Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange  
The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International  
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County  
The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers  
The Durst Organization  
The Gray Insurance Company  
The Hanover Insurance Company  
The Hartford  
The Macerich Company  
The MEMIC Group  
The Philadelphia Contributionship  
The Port Authority of New York, New Jersey  
The Real Estate Roundtable  
The Taubman Company  
The Travelers Companies, Inc.  
The Victor Chamber of Commerce  
The Walt Disney Company  
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tucson Metro Chamber  
Tulsa Regional Chamber  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Travel Association  
UDR, Inc.  
UJA-Federation of New York



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Upland Mutual Insurance, Inc.  
Utica First Insurance Company  
Utica National Insurance Group  
Valley Mutual Insurance Association  
W. R. Berkley Corporation  
Watseka Mutual Insurance Company  
Wayne Mutual Insurance Company  
Weingarten Realty Investor  
Welltower, Inc.  
Western Iowa Mutual Insurance  
Association  
Western National Mutual Insurance  
Company  
Westfield  
Westfield insurance Company  
Westminster American Insurance  
Company  
Wholesale & Specialty Insurance  
Association  
Wisconsin Association of Mutual  
Insurance Companies  
Zurich North America