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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The undersigned organizations, representing a wide variety of business interests, urge Congress to work swiftly to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) which is currently set to expire at the end of this year.

The tragic terrorist attacks on 9/11 fundamentally changed the landscape for insuring against the risk of terrorism in the U.S. 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 commercially available at virtually no cost to the taxpayer. TRIA fosters certainty in the marketplace and allows all of these interconnected elements of the economy to continue to move forward. Without the backstop that TRIA provides, the private insurance market would simply be unable to provide adequate levels of terrorism risk insurance. 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.

While TRIA is not set to expire until the end of the year, the American business community needs certainty so that it can continue to focus on its primary mission of creating jobs. The undersigned organizations urge Congress to reauthorize this important program without delay.

Sincerely,

Abbey Residential, LLC ACE Group AIG Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber (NY) Alpha-Barnes Real Estate Services, LLC ALPS Property & Casualty Insurance Company American Agricultural Insurance Company American Campus Communities American Council of Engineering Companies American Family Insurance American Gaming Association American Hotel and Lodging Association American Insurance Association American Land Title Association American Resort Development Association American Society of Association Executives Aon Argo Group US, Inc. Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association Arkansas Hospitality Association Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services **ASIS** International Associated Estates Realty Corporation Associated Luxury Hotels International Association of American Railroads Atlantic Charter Insurance Company AvalonBay Communities, Inc. Berkshire Property Advisors, LLC Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce (ID) **Boston Properties BP** America **Brandywine Realty Trust** Building Owners and Managers Association International Burbank Chamber of Commerce (CA) **Business Council of Alabama** Business Council of New York State Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce (NC) California Chamber of Commerce California Hotel & Lodging Association Capitol Representation, Inc. Carter Haston Real Estate CENTURY 21 Gage Froerer Prop. Mgmt. Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce (CA) Chamber of Commerce Hawaii Choice Hotels International, Inc. Citigroup Club Managers Association of America Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association Columbia Insurance Group Connecticut Business & Industry Association **Connecticut Insurance & Financial Services Cluster Connecticut Lodging Association** Con-way Corrections Corp. of America (CCA) **COUNTRY** Financial **Cousins Properties Incorporated CRE** Finance Council Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. DiamondRock Hospitality Company

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