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Dear Senator:

Manufacturers are serving on the front lines, fighting the battle against an invisible enemy: COVID-19. As more than 120,000 Americans have tragically lost their lives to COVID-19, manufacturers continue to play an essential role in our nation's response and recovery. To ensure that manufacturers can remain focused on combating this global pandemic and avoid additional attacks from other enemies, we need Congress to reauthorize and fully fund critical security programs immediately.

In less than a month, the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program will sunset if the Senate does not act. Reauthorization is critical to a range of industrial sectors from biomedical, chemical production and distribution to electrical utilities and agricultural goods and services. These facilities make up the essential critical infrastructure that is integral to our country's COVID-19 response and recovery. A long-term, multi-year reauthorization will protect our nation's core facilities, especially during this this unprecedented global pandemic.

Operated by the Department of Homeland Security, the security program ensures that critical sites have strong security measures in place to mitigate, prevent and protect against terrorist exploitation. Specifically, the CFATS program protects biomedical labs, the manufacture of sanitizers, surgical and laboratory supplies and pharmaceutical products. If these facilities are vulnerable to bad actors, the supply chain could be severely harmed at a time when lifesaving supplies are more important than ever before. Amid a global pandemic, we cannot afford to let CFATS sunset; we must continue to heal our nation and make it stronger.

Manufacturers have established a strong record in facility security and are dedicated to protecting the communities in which they live and serve. This will remain a top priority. For the sake of our national security and our fight against COVID-19, we call on the Senate to reauthorize this vital program without delay. There is not a moment to lose.

Sincerely,



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