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The Honorable Ron Richard
Chairman
Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee
Room 321, State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Letter in Support of SCR 31, TRIA Reauthorization, February 11, 2014 Hearing

Dear Chairman Richard and Committee Members:

The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) urges the Committee to vote Do Pass on SCR 31, which calls upon Congress to extend Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, often known as TRIA.

NAMIC is the largest property/casualty trade association in the country, with 1,400 regional and local mutual insurance member companies serving more than 135 million auto, home, and business policyholders and writing in excess of \$196 billion in annual premiums. More than 200,000 people are employed by NAMIC member companies. In Missouri, we have 170 member companies, including 62 domiciled companies, which underwrite 53% of the state's insurance coverage.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, insurers recognized the threat of catastrophic terrorism as a unique risk. To ensure coverage would remain available, the federal government established a program which enables insurance companies to spread losses from catastrophic attacks throughout the private sector and over time. In the event of an attack similar in magnitude to 9/11, the federal government would help cover losses in the short-term with the private sector repaying the government, with interest.

TRIA has been an unqualified success in fostering a private market and ensuring coverage remains available, all at virtually no cost to the taxpayers. Because of TRIA we have seen continued development across the country, providing thousands of jobs, and have protected our economy against terrorism.

This program was not designed to protect insurers, but to ensure coverage is available for the thousands of businesses that face an economic risk from terrorism.

NAMIC appreciates your attention to this issue. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I remain,

Sincerely,



Mark Johnston
Director - State Affairs, Midwest Region