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American Gas Association  
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Associated General Contractors of America  
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Chemical Producers and Distributors Association  
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Helicopter Association International  
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Institute of Real Estate Management  
International Council of Shopping Centers  
The Long Island Import Export Association  
Marriott International  
Mortgage Bankers Association of America  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Home Builders  
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National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts  
National Association of Waterfront Employers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
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National Collegiate Athletic Association  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Football League  
National Hockey League  
National Multi Housing Council  
National Petrochemical & Refiners Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
The New England Council  
New York City Partnership  
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Public Utilities Risk Management Association  
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Dear Representative:

Last night, the world learned that Osama Bin Laden is most likely still alive, and that he has made new threats against America, its citizens and its economy. This development comes only weeks after CIA Director George Tenet warned that Al Qaeda is "reconstituted," that they're "coming after us" and that "they want to execute attacks."

In the midst of our war against terrorism, President Bush has repeatedly asked Congress to pass legislation authorizing a three-year, temporary federal terrorism reinsurance program. In asking for this legislation, President Bush has underlined the fact that the absence of comprehensive and affordable terrorism insurance restrains our nation's economic growth, costs American hard-hats hundreds of thousands of jobs, and puts American businesses at unnecessary risk in the event of another terror attack.

During the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, both the House and Senate have passed legislation by overwhelming margins along the lines asked for by President Bush. And, in recent weeks, President Bush forged a compromise approach between the House and Senate legislation.

Despite this meaningful progress, today it remains uncertain whether the House and Senate will approve final legislation on terrorism reinsurance this year. Given the President's repeated requests for this legislation, recent warnings by our government of new attacks and renewed threats by Al Qaeda, CIAT believes it would be absolutely unconscionable and inexplicable for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress to ignore President Bush and complete its business without addressing this significant issue which is a fundamental part of America's national, homeland and economic security.

We urge all Members of Congress to seek a final vote on terrorism reinsurance now.

Sincerely,

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