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Rep. Jeb Hensarling
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Rep. Maxine Waters
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Dear Chairman Hensarling and Ranking Member Waters:

The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, IAAPA, represents more than 4,500 facility, supplier, and individual members from more than 90 countries. In the United States, IAAPA has members in all 50 states. Member facilities include amusement/theme parks, waterparks, attractions, family entertainment centers, arcades, zoos, aquariums, museums, science centers, resorts, and casinos. Providing safe family fun is IAAPA's highest priority. On behalf of IAAPA, I wanted to applaud the Committee's hearing on the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act and urge passage of an extension of that Act as soon as possible.

The parks and attractions of IAAPA members, located throughout the United States, play important roles in the many States and communities in which they are located. They provide safe, fun places to make family memories, attract visitors often from all over the world, and are important economic engines. Each year, IAAPA members make massive investments in maintaining and expanding these attractions – investments which require financing the availability of terrorism insurance. The TRIA program has been very successful, and is critical to the continued availability of such insurance.

Indeed, although the TRIA program expires at the end of 2014, policies are typically for one full calendar year, meaning that if Congress does not act before then, as of January 1, 2014 and each day thereafter, uncertainty about TRIA will begin to affect the availability and pricing of such insurance. In turn, that uncertainty could affect the investments and jobs that IAAPA members are proud to provide to our communities.

As venues that attract large numbers of visitors, IAAPA members take safety and security very seriously. We welcome Congress' support for the critical TRIA program and look forward to working with you to help ensure an extension as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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