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Dear Friends and Customers:

There is an important issue affecting businesspeople in all industries that requires our immediate attention and action—the impending expiration of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA). TRIA was signed into law in November 2002 and established a financial partnership between the federal government and the insurance industry, stipulating that, in the event of future terrorist attacks, the government and the industry would share the losses according to a prescribed formula. TRIA is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2005. There is limited capacity within the insurance industry to absorb losses resulting from terrorist attacks and TRIA's expiration would have a profound and damaging effect on the nation with consequences rippling through the country's business infrastructure and economy.

While we are encouraged by recent comments made by Rep. Michael Oxley indicating that the reauthorization of TRIA has support from key members of the House, the fate of TRIA is still very uncertain and we need to let our representatives know that we support efforts to extend it.

Here's what you can do to make a difference:

- Join the policyholder group Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism. Membership in the coalition is free, and may be accessed via this web address: <http://www.insureagainstterrorism.org/>.
- Contact your industry trade associations and local chamber of commerce to express the need for a TRIA extension.
- Contact the members of Congress who represent both your home and your business districts. Contact information (addresses, e-mail addresses and fax numbers) for senators is available at www.senate.gov and for members of the House of Representatives is at www.house.gov. At the top of the House web site homepage, you can identify your congressman by inserting your zip code into the blank field.

We actually only have a couple of weeks to act before Congress decides on this issue, so I encourage you to join with us in our efforts to win a TRIA extension. **This is not just about helping the insurance companies, it is about protecting market availability and pricing for our customers!**

Regards,

Bill Henry
CEO