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Rep. Michael Grimm
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Rep. Michael Capuano
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Rep. Carolyn Maloney
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Dear Reps. King, Grimm, Capuano and Maloney:

We, the undersigned sports leagues and organizations, write to reiterate our strong support for efforts to extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) before it expires at the end of next year.

Sports venues are more than just places where professional and amateur athletic teams compete. These iconic buildings are a source of public pride for millions of sports fans, and, with capacities that can exceed 100,000, are the sites of huge public gatherings year-round. In most cases, sports venues are the result of public-private partnerships that involve significant financial commitments from taxpayers. And very often, they serve as anchors for private investment in communities across the country – this issue is clearly national in scope.

It is critical that arenas and stadiums continue to be insured against a terrorist act. The federal backstop established by Congress in 2002 has been a tremendous success, and is the only reason that such insurance remains available to policyholders.

Ensuring minimum economic disruption from a terrorist attack is an important national objective, and guaranteeing the continued availability of terrorism insurance is a key component of that goal. Once again, we are grateful to the Congress for its history of supporting TRIA and strongly support its extension.

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National Football League
National Basketball Association
National Hockey League
NASCAR
National Collegiate Athletic Association
United States Olympic Committee

cc: Chairman Hensarling, Ranking Member Waters

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