



March 19, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
United States House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
H-204 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi,

The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies is very appreciative of the work of Chairman Jeb Hensarling, Ranking Member Maxine Waters, and the House Financial Services Committee on reining-in our federal activity at international insurance regulatory standard-setting bodies such as the Financial Stability Board and the International Association of Insurance Supervisors. In December, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 56-4, the committee passed H.R. 4537, which is a necessary corrective to some troubling international regulatory trends. We are writing today to urge you to make it a top priority for inclusion in any financial services regulatory reform package that is negotiated between the House and the Senate.

Introduced by Reps. Sean Duffy and Denny Heck, H.R. 4537 would provide clear guidance to federal officials on international insurance standard-setting discussions, encourage greater collaboration and transparency with all stakeholders, and ultimately, help to protect the U.S. state-based system of insurance regulation from inappropriate and unnecessary foreign influence. The concern over the activities of the IAIS and other international organizations in the insurance space is one that is shared across the aisle – both chairmen and ranking members of the subcommittee of jurisdiction and the full committee voted in favor of the legislation in December. Clearly, there is little disagreement on the substance of the bill, making it ripe for inclusion in a broader regulatory reform package.

Further, the Senate recently passed S. 2155, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, which contains a provision related to international standard-setting for the insurance industry. Clearly, there is appetite to address the issue across the Capitol as well. However, we believe the language of the Duffy-Heck legislation is consistent with, and should be added to strengthen, what the Senate has done. Only by including language from H.R. 4537 can we ultimately ensure that our federal representatives and state regulators are advocating consistent positions internationally on behalf of the U.S. insurance market and our regulatory system that protects U.S. policyholders.

Of the 3,200 property/casualty insurance companies in the United States, 94 percent of them do no business internationally – yet **all** of them stand to be impacted by the importation of foreign regulatory standards through international standard-setting bodies. Again, NAMIC thanks you for your leadership in helping to protect the domestic U.S. industry and respectfully urges you to make inclusion of H.R. 4537 a top priority when it comes to negotiating a regulatory relief package with the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimi Grande".

Jimi Grande
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