

December 11, 2017

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
Chairman
Financial Services Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2129 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Ranking Member
Financial Services Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
4340 O'Neill Federal Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hensarling and Ranking Member Waters:

On behalf of the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners)¹, we would like to express our support for H.R. 4537, the “International Insurance Standards Act of 2017,” sponsored by Chairman Duffy and Congressman Heck. As U.S. state insurance regulators who cooperate closely with non-U.S. jurisdictions on a regular basis, we have long been committed to providing leadership on a wide range of global insurance issues and activities, with a focus on ensuring policyholder protections and maintaining stable and competitive insurance markets. State insurance regulators are committed to working with federal agencies to ensure that any international standards are appropriate for, and adaptable to, our markets. However, we believe Congress has an important role to play in overseeing the policy objectives of the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve in international discussions relating to insurance, and we appreciate legislative efforts to encourage our federal counterparts to coordinate more closely with state insurance regulators. We also support efforts to promote a more transparent decision-making process at the international level.

The International Insurance Standards Act of 2017 accomplishes these goals by creating formal mechanisms for congressional oversight, increasing transparency of international discussion relating to insurance and ensuring involvement of state insurance regulators in any international insurance discussions. Importantly, this legislation ensures that when the Federal Reserve and Federal Insurance Office (FIO) engage internationally on insurance matters, they defend the United States system of insurance regulation, deferring to the judgments of Congress, state legislatures, governors, and U.S. insurance regulators to determine the appropriate regulatory requirements for the U.S. insurance sector.

Thank you for your leadership on these matters and we look forward to working with you.

¹ Founded in 1871, the NAIC is the U.S. standard-setting and regulatory support organization created and governed by the chief insurance regulators from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. Through the NAIC, state insurance regulators establish standards and best practices, conduct peer review, and coordinate their regulatory oversight. NAIC members, together with the central resources of the NAIC, form the national system of state-based insurance regulation in the U.S.

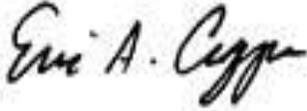
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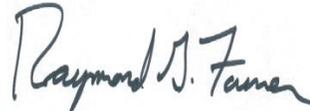
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