



July 11, 2019

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Thompson and Ranking Member Rogers,

I am writing to convey the strong support of the Express Association of America (EAA) for the rapid passage of the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) Reauthorization bill. EAA members are DHL, Federal Express, and UPS, the three largest express delivery service providers in the world, providing fast and reliable service to the U.S. and more than 200 other countries and territories. These three EAA member companies have estimated annual revenues in excess of \$200 billion, employ more than 1.1 million people, utilize more than 1700 aircraft, and deliver more than 30 million packages each day.

Among the numerous significant benefits to the trade community which this new legislation will provide, we particularly endorse the CTPAT Reauthorization bill's measure to extend Tier 3 CTPAT membership to entities other than just importers. EAA members are among the most secure and compliant companies in the world and have been strong supporters of CBP measures to improve supply chain security and interdict threats to aviation. The three EAA members were the original "co-creators" of the Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) program, one of the most effective public-private sector partnerships ever formed. This is just one example of how these companies exceed the standards of Tier 2 CTPAT membership and employ best practices to ensure highly secure operations, and therefore merit Tier 3 membership.

EAA also supports the bill's measure to require a cost/benefit analysis before adding additional minimum security provisions to CTPAT and providing an opportunity for stakeholder comment on any new security criteria. As described above, EAA members have robust security programs within which CTPAT is one additional layer. Modifying CTPAT requirements can involve extensive costs for industry, and Government should ensure these costs will be balanced with appropriate benefits in terms of genuinely increased security. For similar reasons, EAA supports the bill's extension of the CTPAT recertification process to every four years. The costs of a CTPAT recertification can easily run into seven figures, and for highly secure companies like the EAA members this process is not necessary more than every four years.

We urge you to move the CTPAT Reauthorization bill through the Committee as rapidly as possible and support its passage on the floor.

For more information or to answer any questions, please contact me at 703 759-0369 or micheal.mullen@expressamerica.org.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Mullen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Mullen
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