

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Cosponsor the National Insurance Act

Consensus Reached: Congress Needs to Act

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Dear Colleague:

Last Wednesday in the Financial Services Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and GSEs, six groups representing a broad array of the insurance sector were in agreement that Congress should act to improve the archaic regulatory structure overseeing the insurance industry.

The hearing entitled "The Need for Insurance Regulatory Reform," noted a regulatory structure made up of 51 different state regulators, which has proven to be outdated, duplicative, and costly.

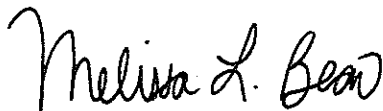
With a witness list covering a broad spectrum of the insurance industry, an unprecedented consensus was reached. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (the "Big I"), the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), the American Insurance Association (AIA), and Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers (CIAB) all agreed that the current regulatory structure is broken and Congress needs to act before it is too late.

Much of the hearing focused on the merits of an optional federal charter for insurance. Modeled after the dual-banking industry which is viewed as an efficient, effective and successful regulatory structure, an optional federal charter would provide the much needed relief insurance consumers, carriers and producers have long sought.

Our legislation, **the National Insurance Act, H.R. 3200**, would create this optional federal charter. Those insurers opting for federal regulation would be better able to serve insurance consumers across the United States; eliminating the need to engage in the tangled web of bureaucracy and duplicative regulation in each and every state.

We urge you to become a cosponsor of this important legislation. If you would like to cosponsor **the National Insurance Act** or to request additional information, please contact Elizabeth Hart with Representative Bean at 5-3711, or Michael Ahern with Representative Royce at 5-4111.

Sincerely,



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