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BOMA/NY Applauds Decision to Extend Key Provision of Terrorism Risk Insurance Act

NEW YORK, NY (June 22, 2004) --- BOMA/NY, which has fielded a team of more than two dozen to lobby for the extension of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act's (TRIA) mandatory availability provision through the end of 2005, greeted the news of the extension by US Treasury Secretary John Snow as "a victory for the building owners and managers of New York," said Roberta McGowan, CAE, Executive Director.

"No one has dealt with the forces of building-directed terrorism more than New York property owners and managers. This is welcome news, particularly in light of the vote earlier this month by the House Appropriations Committee to reduce funds for "high-threat, high-density" cities, which would reduce New York's appropriation from \$700 to \$500 million. The extension allows everyone who needs coverage to be able to purchase it. We must commend BOMA International for the effort it has expended in this effort to safeguard America's buildings, where property managers across the country act as the first line of defense for the American working public."

The provision, which mandates that insurance companies make available terrorism insurance on the same terms and conditions as property and casualty insurance, would have expired at the end of 2004.

Under TRIA, federal funds of up to \$100 billion were to be made available to cover losses should another terrorist attack occur. The federal government's share would be 90 percent of losses above the deductible. Without TRIA, a significant portion of the private sector would be unable to purchase terrorism insurance, which has become an essential commodity in a post-9/11 environment. It is noteworthy that since no large-scale terrorist attacks have occurred in the U.S. since the implementation of TRIA, there have been no costs to the federal government – and taxpayers.

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) was passed by Congress in November 2002 after a lobbying effort by the Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism (CIAT), a broad coalition of insurance policyholders which includes BOMA International and several other real estate associations, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Edison Electric Institute, and the National Football League, to name a few of the 66 members.

BOMA/NY is the greater New York area Association of BOMA International, with more than 820 members active in all areas affecting the industry—from continuing education to advocacy to codes & regulations updates. It is the sponsor of the real estate industry's most prestigious awards—the Pinnacles—recognizing excellence in operations and personal contribution. BOMA/NY is a major source for professional education and is the exclusive provider of the BOMI coursework required for the RPA, FMA, SMA and SMT designations. In recent years, the Association has become an increasingly influential voice at City Hall, the State House in Albany and in Washington, DC, lobbying for issues as diverse as air quality protocols to greater security measures.

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