RAA MEETS WITH WHITE HOUSE AND TREASURY STAFF ON TAX REFORM

WASHINGTON, D.C., The Reinsurance Association of America and other insurance industry trades met today with White House and Treasury staff on tax reform. To further develop its tax reform proposal released in April, the White House announced that it would convene “listening” sessions over the summer—like today’s meeting—with various industry groups and Members of Congress to develop a tax reform plan. The (re)insurance industry is largely supportive of the Administration and Congress’s goals for tax reform that will ensure the growth and competitiveness of the American economy. In today’s meeting, White House staff noted they plan to continue working with stakeholders and Congress to complete tax reform by the end of 2017.

Frank Nutter, president of the RAA, commented, “It is imperative that policymakers understand the property/casualty (re)insurance industry, how it differs from other financial services sectors, and the unique tax provisions applicable to our business. Every effort should be made to avoid disruptions to a market that functions well, is competitive and well regulated.”

The RAA will continue to advocate (1) the importance of preserving Subchapter L/statutory accounting as the basis for insurance company taxation; (2) lowering the corporate tax rate; and, (3) ensuring that any changes to proration of tax exempt interest or discounting of loss reserves appropriately reflect the business of insurance.

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