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United States Department of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Bond Number: 5184744  
MC# and/or FF#: 1567351

## Broker's or Freight Forwarder's Surety Bond under 49 U.S.C. 13906

# FORM BMC-84

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, MARKET ASCENDANCY LLC DBA FREIGHT BROKERS CONNECT,  
(Name of Broker or Freight Forwarder)  
of 5830 E 2ND ST, STE 7000 #7072 CASPER Wyoming 82609,  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)  
as PRINCIPAL (hereinafter called Principal), and Great American Insurance Company,  
(Name of Surety)  
a corporation, or a Risk Retention Group established under the [Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-563](#), created and existing  
under the laws of the State of Ohio (hereinafter called Surety), are held and firmly bound unto the United States of  
(State)

America in the sum of \$75,000 for a broker or freight forwarder, for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal is or intends to become a Broker or Freight Forwarder pursuant to the provisions of [Title 49 U.S.C. 13904](#), and the rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration relating to insurance or other security for the protection of motor carriers and shippers, and has elected to file with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration such a bond as will ensure financial responsibility and the supplying of transportation subject to the [ICC Termination Act of 1995](#) in accordance with contracts, agreements, or arrangements therefore, and

WHEREAS, this bond is written to assure compliance by the Principal as either a licensed Broker or a licensed Freight Forwarder of Transportation by motor vehicle with [49 U.S.C. 13906\(b\)](#), and the rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, relating to insurance or other security for the protection of motor carriers and shippers, and shall inure to the benefit of any and all motor carriers or shippers to whom the Principal may be legally liable for any of the damages herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal shall pay or cause to be paid to motor carriers or shippers by motor vehicle any sum or sums for which the Principal may be held legally liable by reason of the Principal's failure faithfully to perform, fulfill, and carry out all contracts, agreements, and arrangements made by the Principal while this bond is in effect for the supplying of transportation subject to the [ICC Termination Act of 1995](#) under license issued to the Principal by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

The liability of the Surety shall not be discharged by any payment or succession of payments hereunder, unless and until such payment or payments shall amount in the aggregate to the penalty of the bond, but in no event shall the Surety's obligation hereunder exceed the amount of said penalty. The Surety agrees to furnish written notice to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration forthwith of all suits filed, judgements rendered, and payments made by said Surety under this bond.

This bond is effective the 21st day of July, 2023, 12:01 a.m., standard time at the address of the Principal as stated herein and shall continue in force until terminated as hereinafter provided. The Principal or the Surety may at any time cancel this bond by written notice to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at its office in Washington, DC, such cancellation to become effective thirty (30) days after actual receipt of said notice by the FMCSA on the prescribed Form BMC-36, Notice of Cancellation Motor Carrier and Broker Surety Bond. The Surety shall not be liable hereunder for the payment of any damages herein before described which arise as the result of any contracts, agreements, undertakings, or arrangements made by the Principal for the supplying of transportation after the termination of this bond as herein provided, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Surety hereunder for the payment of any such damages arising as the result of contracts, agreements, or arrangements made by the Principal for the supplying of transportation prior to the date such termination becomes effective.

The receipt of this filing by the FMCSA certifies that a Broker Surety Bond has been issued by the company identified above, and that such company is qualified to make this filing under [Section 387.315 of Title 49](#) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Falsification of this document can result in criminal penalties prescribed under [18 U.S.C. 1001](#).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Principal and Surety have executed this instrument on the 21st day of July, 2023.

**PRINCIPAL**

MARKET ASCENDANCY LLC DBA FREIGHT BROKERS CONNECT  
COMPANY NAME

COMPANY NAME

5830 E 2ND ST, STE 7000 #7072 CASPER  
STREET ADDRESS CITY

STREET ADDRESS

Wyoming 82609 (703) 957-0795  
STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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*(Principal officer's signature)*

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*(type or print witness's name)*

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*(witness's signature)*

**SURETY**

Great American Insurance Company  
COMPANY NAME

COMPANY NAME

301 E 4th Street CINCINNATI  
STREET ADDRESS CITY

STREET ADDRESS

Ohio 45202 (877) 514-5146  
STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER

STATE

ZIP CODE

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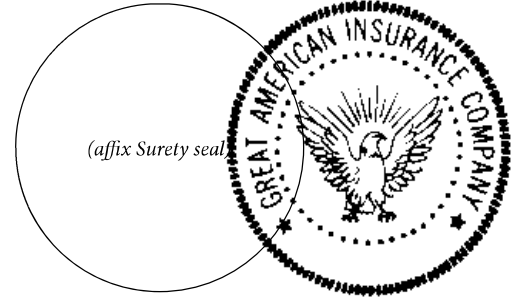
John D. Weisbrot , Attorney-in-Fact  
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*(Principal officer's signature)*

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*(witness's signature)*



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**GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY®**

**Administrative Office: 301 E 4TH STREET • CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202 • 513-369-5000 • FAX 513-723-2740**

The number of persons authorized by this power of attorney is not more than **THREE**

No. 0 21243

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That the GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the person or persons named below, each individually if more than one is named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, for it and in its name, place and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, or other written obligations in the nature thereof; provided that the liability of the said Company on any such bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall not exceed the limit stated below.

Name	Address	Limit of Power
JOHN D. WEISBROT	ALL OF	ALL
MELISSA L. MCDADE	PIPERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA	\$10,000,000
STEVEN M. VARGA		

This Power of Attorney revokes all previous powers issued on behalf of the attorney(s)-in-fact named above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed and attested by its appropriate officers and its corporate seal hereunto affixed this 19TH day of OCTOBER, 2020



*Atty C. B.*

Assistant Secretary

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

*Mark V. Vicario*

Divisional Senior Vice President

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF HAMILTON - ss:

MARK VICARIO (877-377-2405)

On this 19TH day of OCTOBER, 2020, before me personally appeared MARK VICARIO, to me known, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, that he is a Divisional Senior Vice President of the Bond Division of Great American Insurance Company, the Company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said Company; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said Company, and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



**SUSAN A KOHORST**  
Notary Public  
State of Ohio  
My Comm. Expires  
May 18, 2025

*Susan A Kohorst*

This Power of Attorney is granted by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of Great American Insurance Company by unanimous written consent dated June 9, 2008.

*RESOLVED: That the Divisional President, the several Divisional Senior Vice Presidents, Divisional Vice Presidents and Divisional Assistant Vice Presidents, or any one of them, be and hereby is authorized, from time to time, to appoint one or more Attorneys-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company, as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, or other written obligations in the nature thereof; to prescribe their respective duties and the respective limits of their authority; and to revoke any such appointment at any time.*

*RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Company seal and the signature of any of the aforesaid officers and any Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or certificate of either given for the execution of any bond, undertaking, contract of suretyship, or other written obligation in the nature thereof, such signature and seal when so used being hereby adopted by the Company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Company, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I, STEPHEN C. BERAHA, Assistant Secretary of Great American Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney and the Resolutions of the Board of Directors of June 9, 2008 have not been revoked and are now in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of July, 2023



*Atty C. B.*

Assistant Secretary



Great American Insurance Group Tower  
 301 E. Fourth St.  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202

**GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL & SURPLUS  
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ADMITTED ASSETS		LIABILITIES, CAPITAL AND SURPLUS	
Bonds.....	\$ 5,473,101,482	Unpaid losses and loss expenses.....	\$ 5,396,173,107
Stocks.....	1,291,825,478	Reserve for underwriting expenses.....	394,981,321
Mortgage loans on real estate.....	747,159,419	Reserve for unearned premiums.....	1,852,967,836
Real estate (net of encumbrances).....	2,157,159	Ceded reinsurance premiums payable.....	196,030,365
Cash and short-term investments.....	281,542,115	Funds held under reinsurance treaties.....	765,518,543
Other invested assets.....	2,065,262,544	Provision for reinsurance.....	49,361,400
Receivable for securities.....	909,672	Retroactive reinsurance ceded.....	(68,612,054)
Investment income due and accrued.....	47,500,889	Other liabilities.....	184,945,627
Agents' and premium balances.....	798,036,114	Total liabilities.....	8,771,366,145
Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments.....	160,244,314		
Federal income taxes.....	18,043,725	Capital stock.....	\$ 15,440,600
Net deferred tax asset.....	61,034,209	Paid in surplus.....	895,823,901
Receivable from affiliates.....	12,299,832	Special surplus funds.....	58,365,100
Receivable from Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.....	644,298,925	Unassigned funds.....	2,190,373,926
Company owned life insurance.....	202,710,992	Policyholders' surplus.....	3,160,003,527
Funds held as collateral.....	57,086,887		
Funded deductibles.....	25,791,907		
Other admitted assets.....	42,364,009		
Total.....	\$ 11,931,369,672	Total.....	\$ 11,931,369,672

Securities have been valued on the basis prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

Robert J. Schwartz, Vice President and Controller, and Stephen Beraha, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary, being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that they are the above described officers of the Great American Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio; that said Company is a corporation duly organized, existing and engaged in business as a Surety by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio and has duly complied with all the requirements of the laws of said state applicable to said Company and is duly qualified to act as Surety under such laws; that said Company has also complied with and is duly qualified to act as Surety under Public Law 97-258 enacted September 13, 1982 (96 Stat. 1047 as amended: 31 U.S.C. 9304-9308); that to the best of their knowledge and belief the above statement is a full, true and correct Statement of the Assets, Liabilities and Capital & Surplus of the said Company as of December 31, 2022.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 28th day of February, 2023.

*Holly M Clayton*  
 Public Notary



**HOLLY M. CLAYTON**  
 Notary Public, State of Ohio  
 My Commission Expires April 28, 2025

*Robert J. Schwartz*  
 Controller

*Stephen Beraha*  
 Assistant Secretary