

November 6, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, and Minority Leaders Reid and Pelosi:

Over the past year, thousands of elected officials, community groups, employers, state agencies and other stakeholders urged the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to maintain the existing ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) of 75 parts per billion (ppb). These commenters highlighted the economic harm that would result from a lower ozone standard and that air quality has and will continue to improve without this regulation. Indeed, since 1980, ozone levels have decreased 33 percent and this trend will continue from investments and policies already in place. Nevertheless, on October 26, 2015, EPA promulgated a new, stringent ozone NAAQS of 70 ppb. Without immediate Congressional action, EPA's new rule will negatively impact our economy and stifle growth in many parts of the country. The undersigned organizations strongly encourage members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to listen to the concerns of their communities and stakeholders and protect our nation's recovering economy by taking necessary legislative steps to mitigate the rule's most harmful economic consequences while continuing EPA projected improvements to ozone air quality.

The severe economic impact of nonattainment designation on local economies and businesses has been well documented by the thousands of comments and letters submitted to the Administration, numerous Congressional hearings, and analyses from nonpolitical, nonpartisan research groups and organizations. EPA's own data indicate that 217 counties do not attain the current 75 ppb standard, and that the number could swell to 958 counties under the revised standards, subjecting large parts of the country to costly nonattainment control requirements. We are concerned by the hardships this rule will cause our businesses and local communities and question the necessity of this action when EPA projects that nearly the entire country will attain the standards by 2025 under existing federal and state controls, including those yet to be implemented for the 2008 standard.

EPA's new, stringent ozone NAAQS are already the subject of bipartisan concern. We therefore encourage members of both parties and Chambers to work together to develop a solution that reduces the resulting economic hardship while still maintaining intended air quality improvements.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

American Coatings Association

Aluminum Association

American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute

American Chemistry Council

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity

American Forest & Paper Association

American Foundry Society  
 American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers  
 American Iron and Steel Institute  
 American Petroleum Institute  
 American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)  
 American Wood Council  
 America's Natural Gas Alliance  
 Business Roundtable  
 Consumer Specialty Products Association  
 Corn Refiners Association  
 Council of Industrial Boiler Owners (CIBO)  
 Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology  
 Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association  
 Flexible Packaging Association  
 Gas Processors Association  
 Glass Packaging Institute (GPI)  
 Global Cold Chain Alliance  
 Independent Petroleum Association of America  
 Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
 Institute of Makers of Explosives  
 International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc.  
 Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
 National Asphalt Pavement Association  
 National Association for Surface Finishing  
 National Association of Chemical Distributors  
 National Association of Convenience Stores  
 National Association of Home Builders  
 National Association of Manufacturers  
 National Black Chamber of Commerce  
 National Council of Textile Organizations  
 National Federation of Independent Business  
 National Lime Association  
 National Marine Manufacturers Association  
 National Mining Association  
 National Oilseed Processors Association  
 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
 National Tooling and Machining Association  
 NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truckstops  
 North American Die Casting Association  
 Oregon Women In Timber  
 Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
 Portland Cement Association  
 Precision Machined Products Association  
 Precision Metalforming Association  
 Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association (RCMA)  
 Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates  
 Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America  
 SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
 The Carpet and Rug Institute  
 The Fertilizer Institute  
 Treated Wood Council  
 Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association  
 U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
 CC: U.S. House of Representatives  
 U.S. Senate

February 24, 2016

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
United States House of Representatives  
504 Broadway  
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Dear Representative Pallone:

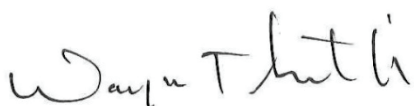
As executives for New Jersey companies engaged in the business of chemistry, we are grateful for your leadership in passage last year by the U.S. House of Representatives of H.R. 2576, the *TSCA Modernization Act*. We agree that America deserves a 21<sup>st</sup> Century chemical regulation program that first and foremost safeguards consumers, while simultaneously encouraging commercial growth and promoting innovation.

We are writing to reiterate the importance of TSCA modernization to our companies and underscore the urgent need to reconcile H.R. 2576 as soon as possible with the Senate-passed measure, S. 697, the *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act*. Both bills passed their respective houses by overwhelmingly bipartisan margins. But, as you know, there are differences between them that must be resolved before a final bill can be sent to the president. In light of Congress's truncated session schedule this year, we are very concerned that without swift action on a compromise between the two houses, TSCA reform will not be completed in 2016. This would result in a major setback in an eight year effort to return the United States to a leadership role in regulating the safety of chemicals in commerce.

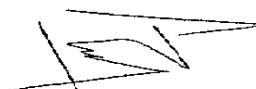
TSCA was first enacted in 1976, and a lot has changed since then. Thanks to you and your colleagues in both houses and on both sides of the political aisle, we now stand on the precipice of a long-overdue moment. We respectfully ask that you seize this opportunity and successfully complete the journey that was started here in New Jersey by Senator Lautenberg.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out to us regarding our request.

Sincerely,



Wayne Smith  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
BASF Corporation



Pedro Suarez  
President  
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President & Chief Executive Officer  
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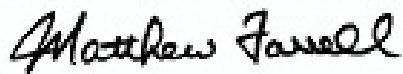
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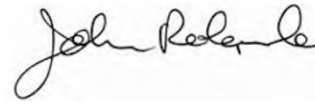
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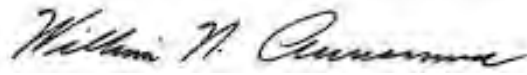
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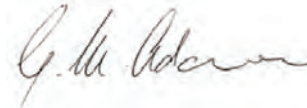
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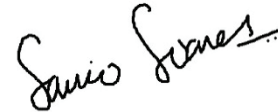
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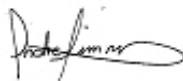
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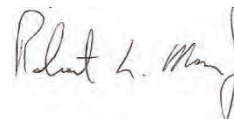
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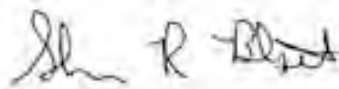
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