

March 17, 2015

The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Vitter
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Udall
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe, Senator Udall, and Senator Vitter:

I am writing today to thank you for your leadership and offer our support for the Frank Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (S. 697). The National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD) and its nearly 440 member companies are vital to the chemical supply chain providing products to more than 750,000 end users. They make a delivery every six seconds while maintaining a safety record that is more than twice as good as all manufacturing combined. NACD members are leaders in health, safety, security, and environmental performance through implementation of Responsible Distribution.

The way chemicals are produced and regulated has a direct impact on our members, the products that we handle, and the services we provide. A strong, credible federal chemical regulatory program is important to our members, their customers, the 155,000 direct and indirect workers we represent, and all American consumers.

The Frank Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act is a pragmatic compromise that balances the interests of multiple stakeholders while making significant improvements to chemicals management and facilitating a more cohesive federal approach to chemical regulation. NACD appreciates the thoughtful, bipartisan approach you have taken in crafting the legislation, and we look forward to working with you and your fellow co-sponsors as the bill is considered by the committee and the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Byer
President

cc: Members of the Committee on Environment and Public Works