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Dear Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Delegation:

On behalf of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to thank you for your support of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which provides much needed reform to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Due to your dedication and commitment to improving consumer safety and modernizing the regulatory structure, Congress was able to pass this landmark reform with overwhelming bi-partisan support this week.

The modernization of the TSCA has long been overdue, and your recognition of the importance in updating the current law shows that you are willing to take our region into the 21st century. This bill will help facilitate economic growth in the critical chemical manufacturing sector.

This bill will have an especially large impact on our region, as our chemical industry employs over 43,000 people, playing a huge role in our economy and providing people with manufactured goods they rely upon. With the new reform, consumers and producers can both be assured that the chemicals in their goods are safe and risk-free.

Again, we commend you on the work you have done to secure the future of our large chemical manufacturing sector. The passage of this bill will stand as a testament to your staunch efforts at bringing our economy and regulatory framework into the modern day. We share in your excitement at this momentous win for our region—and our nation as a whole—and express our gratitude for the role that you played.

Sincerely,



Matt Smith
President of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce