



April 6, 2011

The Honorable John Sullivan
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Matheson:

I am writing in support of your bipartisan legislation directing the Obama Administration to analyze and report on the cumulative economic impacts of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, and to harmonize pending rules to give American businesses greater certainty.

The American Chemistry Council (ACC), representing America's chemical manufacturers, agrees that the federal government must understand how its proposed regulations, taken together, will affect the economy and jobs.

We welcome your call for an in-depth, cross-departmental look at EPA's rules, especially their impacts for U.S. competitiveness, employment, consumers, and small businesses. And we applaud your inclusion in this effort of the agency's Boiler MACT standards, which will affect businesses, institutions and municipalities across the country.

Significant new regulatory costs could threaten investment, expansion and hiring by businesses – all key to the nation's economic growth. American manufacturing can make a significant contribution to economic recovery, including the creation and maintenance of well-paying jobs. However, we must have a thorough understanding of how proposed regulations, cumulatively, will affect industry.

Once the administration has assessed the combined economic impacts of EPA's proposed regulations, its findings must be shared with the American public. Public reporting is consistent with President Obama's pledge for regulatory transparency, and could lead to improved decision-making.

We look forward to working with you in your bipartisan effort to improve the regulatory process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cal Dooley
President and CEO

cc: Chairman Ed Whitfield and Ranking Member Bobby Rush, Subcommittee on Energy and Power

