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Cal Dooley is President and CEO of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Since joining ACC in 2008, Dooley has enhanced member value and strengthened the competitive position of U.S. chemical manufacturers by advocating for a business and regulatory climate that drives innovation, supports job growth and enhances safety.

Under his leadership, ACC has achieved some of its greatest successes in recent memory. In 2017, Mr. Dooley led industry efforts in helping secure the historic “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” that included key provisions that improve and support a vibrant and competitive U.S. chemical industry and manufacturing sector. In 2016, following three years of bipartisan negotiations, Mr. Dooley oversaw the enactment of the “The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act,” legislation which reformed the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 and ushered in a new era for U.S. chemical regulations. In 2015, ACC led-efforts resulted in the enactment of two bills governing freight rail transportation and distribution: a three-year extension for Positive Train Control implementation, and the “*Surface Transportation Board (STB) Reauthorization Act of 2015.*” The bill reauthorized the STB for the first time since its creation, ensuring common-sense reforms that deliver safe, reliable, and affordable freight rail transportation and distribution to chemical manufacturers and other shippers. Under Mr. Dooley’s tenure ACC also secured the “*Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act,*” providing industry a safe harbor against lawsuits when voluntarily sharing & receiving info on cyber threats & defenses.

Earlier at ACC, Mr. Dooley oversaw the launch of a national energy advocacy and awareness campaign, “From Chemistry to Energy.” His leadership in this arena initiative has been critical to ensuring that federal and state policymakers understand the link between domestic shale gas, the chemical industry and growth in America’s manufacturing sector that will drive U.S. competitiveness, boost exports, and create new, high-paying jobs.

In addition to his commitment to updating federal chemical safety regulations, Dooley has led efforts urging Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure the best available science and technology are at the foundation of government science and risk assessment programs. A current focus is on reforming EPA’s Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) so that chemical safety determinations can be credible and reliable. Not waiting for regulatory reform, however, Dooley oversaw the establishment of ACC’s Value Chain Outreach initiative, a long-term, comprehensive program designed to address misplaced and ill-informed information about chemicals in the value chain and consumer marketplace.

Prior to joining ACC, Dooley served as President and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA). He took over leadership of GMA after serving as President and CEO of the Food Products Association (FPA), which merged with GMA in January 2007.

In Congress, Dooley represented the 20th District of California as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991 to 2004. He served on the House Agriculture Committee, as well as the House Resources Committee.

Dooley holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of California, Davis and, as a Sloan Fellow, earned a master's degree in management from Stanford University.