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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito,

On behalf of the members of the American Chemistry Council, we would like to express our strong support for your introduction of the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016.” Your legislation will help ensure that manufacturers who want to invest in the U.S. are able to obtain regulatory permits in a timely, transparent, and efficient manner. We commend your steadfast support for American manufacturing and job growth.

As you know, EPA’s new ozone standards took effect on December 28, 2015. Manufacturing facilities must obtain a permit in order to proceed with a construction or expansion project. Yet too often, EPA often fails to provide crucial implementation rules and guidance. These delays can last for years and put investment and hiring at risk.

Your legislation will help. It sets a ten-year interval for NAAQS reviews, requires EPA to issue guidance concurrent with any new standards and leaves the 2008 permitting requirements in effect until nonattainment areas for the new standards are declared. These and other provisions will provide greater regulatory certainty for state air-quality agencies and businesses alike.

We applaud you for striving to fix our nation’s flawed implementation process for new EPA ozone standards. We look forward to work with you and other bill sponsors to secure swift passage.

Sincerely,

Cal Dooley