ACC APPLAUDS SENATE VOTE TO REVIEW WORKER SCREENING PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. (June 27, 2018) – The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation approved S. 3094, the “Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Act of 2018,” which was introduced by Senators Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Gary Peters (D-MI). The bipartisan proposal would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to complete its assessment of the effectiveness of the TWIC program before implementing new requirements that would expand the scope of the program.

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement regarding today’s vote:

“We thank Senators Sullivan and Peters for their leadership and the entire Committee for directing the Department of Homeland Security to ensure its screening program is working properly before expanding it. Manufacturers and transportation providers remain concerned with how the TWIC program is being managed. For example, the recent proposal from DHS regarding the installation of new TWIC card readers will create more confusion about the direction of the program at a time when the industry needs more regulatory certainty when it comes to making important security decisions and investments.”

“We urge leadership in the House and Senate to support swift passage of this legislation, which will provide much needed regulatory relief to manufacturing sites and thousands of workers across the country.”

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