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ACC COMMENTS ON INITIAL 10 CHEMICALS IDENTIFIED FOR RISK EVALUATION UNDER LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY ACT

WASHINGTON (March 16, 2017) – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) provided [comments](#) this week to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on each of the initial 10 Work Plan chemicals EPA identified in December 2016 for risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act (LCSA). ACC issued the following statement in regard to those comments:*

“We support the reasonable and efficient implementation of the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, which includes EPA using the best available information – and then verifying that information – regarding the ‘conditions of use’ for the chemical substances that EPA has identified under the Act as the first 10 to undergo a risk evaluation. EPA should prioritize conditions of use to focus on the greatest potential risks, so that risk evaluations are protective and practical. And, these risk evaluations should be scientifically defensible, through EPA’s use of the ‘best available science’ and the ‘weight of the evidence,’ as established by the scientific standards required under Section 26 of the Lautenberg Act.

“ACC has long been a strong supporter of and active contributor to TSCA reform efforts, providing concrete proposals and practical solutions to questions debated during the reform process. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments and are committed to working with EPA to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the amendments to TSCA as Congress intended.”

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