



News Release

For Immediate Release

December 17, 2020

Contact: Jon Corley (202) 249-6425

Email: jonathan_corley@americanchemistry.com

ACC PRESIDENT AND CEO CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT-ELECT BIDEN'S NOMINEE FOR EPA ADMINISTRATOR

WASHINGTON (December 17, 2020) – ACC President and CEO [Chris Jahn](#) released the following statement in response to President-elect Joe Biden's nomination of Michael Regan as the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

“We congratulate Michael Regan for his nomination to be the next administrator of EPA. Our industry looks forward to engaging with him and the dedicated civil servants at the agency to help ensure the nation's key environmental statutes are administered in a way that protects human health and environment, especially among the most vulnerable people and places in America. We would also like to thank Administrator Andrew Wheeler and the dedicated staff at EPA—both political staff and civil servants—for all they have accomplished over the past four years.

“As one of the most heavily regulated manufacturing industries in the U.S., the business of chemistry has an interest in a broad range of the agency's activities. ACC and its members have a particular interest in the full, effective and efficient implementation of the 2016 amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act as Congress envisioned. We have been and remain committed to working constructively with EPA and other federal agencies under every presidency, and we look forward to engaging with the incoming administration on key regulatory issues.

“Our industry makes possible more than 96% of all manufactured goods; provides 544,000 skilled, high-paying jobs; and supports over 25% of the U.S. GDP. We provide many of the chemicals necessary to produce products that are critical in the fight against COVID-19. Among others, those include personal protective gear for front line workers; critical medical equipment needed to save lives; chemical biocides and disinfectants; and plastic packaging materials that help prevent the contamination of food and other consumer products.

“The U.S. chemical industry is vital to the fight against climate change and the pursuit of a more sustainable future by providing critical inputs for energy-saving and renewable solutions such as solar panels and wind turbines, electric and high-efficiency vehicles, advanced building materials and much more.

“We look forward to working with Mr. Regan and the Biden Administration as well as other stakeholders to protect human health and the environment while enabling our industry to continue to innovate, create jobs and grow the economy.”

###

<http://www.americanchemistry.com>

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®; common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues; and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$565 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is among the largest exporters in the nation, accounting for ten percent of all U.S. goods exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

