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ACC STATEMENT ON FIRST 10 PROBLEM FORMULATIONS FOR RISK EVALUATION UNDER TSCA

WASHINGTON (June 1, 2018) – *In response to EPA’s release of the first 10 problem formulation documents under the updated Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act and EPA’s systematic review approach document, the American Chemistry Council today issued the following statement:*

“The release of the problem formulation documents for the first 10 chemicals for risk evaluation is another important milestone in the implementation of the 2016 TSCA amendments. We commend Administrator Pruitt and EPA’s dedicated staff for their continued commitment to meeting the requirements of the law.

“In the coming days, we will review and analyze these problem formulation documents. It is essential that TSCA risk evaluations are grounded in the best available science and the weight of the scientific evidence, as required by Section 26 of the law, and are focused on the conditions of use that present the greatest potential risks so that the risk evaluations are protective and practical.

“We also look forward to reviewing EPA’s approach to systematic review. The systematic review of the data, according to a pre-established protocol, will promote objective, transparent and consistent evaluations. The systematic review approach is an important opportunity to take into account the strengths, limitations and relevance of each study and to give the greatest weight to the strongest, most relevant studies in agency decisions.

“We will continue to support the efficient and effective implementation of TSCA. Successful implementation of this important bipartisan legislation is essential to ensuring protections for human health and environment while enabling our industry to continue to [innovate](#), create jobs and [grow the economy](#).”

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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.

