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ACC STATEMENT ON NOMINATION OF KATHERINE TAI TO SERVE AS UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

WASHINGTON (December 10, 2020) – *American Chemistry Council (ACC) President and CEO, Chris Jahn, issued the following statement in response to the nomination of Katherine Tai to serve as United States Trade Representative (USTR):*

“ACC and its members welcome the nomination of Katherine Tai to serve as the next United States Trade Representative. Ms. Tai will bring a wealth of experience and technical knowledge to USTR and will play a pivotal role in fulfilling President-elect Biden’s promise to invest in American businesses and manufacturing to help rebuild our economy.

“As one of our nation’s [largest exporting industries](#), the U.S. chemical sector depends on robust trade in raw materials, inputs, and finished products to help fuel manufacturing growth here at home. [The current costly tariff policy](#) continues to cut into our industry’s competitive advantage. We look forward to working with Ms. Tai, once confirmed, to reduce trading costs, enhance manufacturing competitiveness, and establish a more a predictable trading environment for the United States and our closest trading partners.”

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