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ACC URGES SENATE PASSAGE OF ENERGY BILL *Key Provisions Include Efficiency, Infrastructure and Energy Recovery*

WASHINGTON (April 19, 2016) – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement before an expected Senate vote on the “Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015” (S. 2012).*

“We urge Senate passage of bipartisan legislation to modernize America’s energy framework. Chairman Murkowski’s steadfast leadership will result in energy savings, new infrastructure and innovations in vehicle manufacturing and energy recovery – all vital to U.S. manufacturing growth.

“ACC is a longtime supporter of the bill’s energy efficiency provisions as smart, cost-effective ways to save energy while creating jobs. We’re glad the efficiency title retains support for strong, updated building energy codes. The chemistry industry creates many of the solutions and technologies that make efficiency and renewable energy possible. We commend Senators Portman and Shaheen for this historic step forward.

“We encourage approval of an amendment by Senators Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) to allow energy cost savings to be considered in determining home values. It’s a voluntary way to improve residential energy efficiency while saving homeowners money.

“We support provisions that will streamline permitting for natural gas pipelines, which are needed to link production sites to manufacturing facilities around the country. We welcome the call for a study on building an ethane infrastructure hub in Appalachia. We applaud expanded R&D for advanced vehicle manufacturing and research into cost-effective systems to convert plastics into materials that can be used to generate electricity, fuels or feedstock.

“Developments such as the shale gas revolution, major shifts in electricity markets and the growing need for reliable and affordable energy and power make it important that America update our energy policies now. We look forward to passage of the bill this week.”

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