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### AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL WELCOMES HOUSE COMMITTEE'S INTEREST IN IARC

WASHINGTON (September 26, 2016) – The American Chemistry Council issued the following statement in response to [the letter](#) sent today by the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) requesting information on the funding given to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) by NIH:

IARC has a long history of passing judgment on substances through a fundamentally-flawed process that yields questionable results, many of which are easily mischaracterized or misunderstood causing confusion among the media, regulators and the public. IARC's disregard for the essential concepts of exposure or risk and the Agency's lack of transparency, strong scientific standards, adequate stakeholder input, and clear conflict-of-interest protections have long been a source of concern of many observers. We welcome the interest of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and hope that it will shed light on the close and somewhat opaque relationship between IARC and NIH, including the use of taxpayer dollars and resources to support IARC's activities.

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