



# Statement

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## CONGRESS PASSES HISTORIC LEGISLATION TO MODERNIZE TSCA

WASHINGTON (June 7, 2016) – *The United States Senate today passed by unanimous consent the bipartisan Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, legislation to reform the nation’s 40 year-old primary chemical management law, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).*

*American Chemistry Council President and CEO Cal Dooley issued the following statement:*

“Today’s passage of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act is truly historic. This legislation is significant not only because it is the first major environmental law passed since 1990, but because TSCA reform will have lasting and meaningful benefits for all American manufacturers, all American families and for our nation’s standing as the world’s leading innovator.

“The path to more modern chemical regulation has been decades in the making and it’s been over three years since work to achieve TSCA reform began in earnest. The introduction of the first bipartisan bill to reform TSCA by Senators Frank Lautenberg and David Vitter in May, 2013, was the initial step in what has been a long and arduous journey. We are extremely grateful to Senators Inhofe, Vitter and Udall and their staffs for their unwavering dedication and countless hours of hard work, without which the realization of TSCA reform would not have been possible. We look forward to the enactment of H.R. 2576 by President Obama in the coming days.”

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