Statement

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WASHINGTON (May 19, 2016) – After months of bipartisan efforts to conference the U.S. Senate and House bills reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), key negotiators from both Chambers have come to an agreement. In response to this promising news, American Chemistry Council (ACC) President and CEO Cal Dooley issued the following statement:

“We are just steps away from providing U.S. chemical regulation with a much-needed update. This compromise legislation is the product of tireless negotiation and strong leadership by Senators Inhofe, Vitter, Udall, Markey, Merkley, Booker, Whitehouse and Boxer and Congressmen Upton and Shimkus. In this day and age, it is almost unprecedented to have such broad, bipartisan support for an environmental law of this consequence.

“As with any compromise, this legislation balances the priorities and interests of multiple stakeholders, while producing an agreement that pragmatic industry, environmental, public health and labor groups can ultimately support. We strongly urge swift bipartisan passage in the House and the Senate so that the President can sign the bill into law and finally bring TSCA into the 21st Century.”

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