ACC: TOXIC CHEMICALS SAFETY ACT REFLECTS NEXT STEP TOWARD MODERNIZING NATION’S SAFETY REGULATIONS
More improvements will be needed to ensure Safety, Innovation, Jobs

ARLINGTON, VA (July 22, 2010) – The bill introduced by Congressmen Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) is a step toward modernization of the nation’s chemical safety laws, but more effort will be required to develop legislation that protects consumer safety, preserves America’s position as a leading innovator and safeguards American jobs.

“We have long been an advocate for modernization of our nation’s chemical safety laws,” said ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley. “I appreciate that the Congressmen have taken this issue seriously and their willingness to have an open discussion on how to approach this challenge. We recognize this is a complex issue and a lot of hard work went into crafting this legislation, but this is just the beginning.”

“Last fall the American Chemistry Council announced 10 key principles around which we believe the Toxic Substances Control Act should be modernized, and our review of this new bill is rooted in how those principles are reflected,” Dooley continued. “The federal chemical regulatory system must ensure public safety, protect the ability of American business to innovate, and preserve American jobs. This bill will need more work to get us there,” Dooley said.

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