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UNANIMOUS VOTE IN CONGRESS DEMONSTRATES SUPPORT FOR EXISTING CHEMICAL SECURITY REGULATIONS

ARLINGTON, VA (July 28, 2010) – Today, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee unanimously approved bipartisan legislation offered by Senator Susan Collins (R-Me) that is critical to securing chemical facilities across the country.

The following statement may be attributed to ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley:

“This was a vote of confidence in existing chemical security regulations that address the need to protect chemical facilities and their ability to provide products and jobs critical to our nation’s economy. Senator Collins has once again demonstrated her expertise in security matters and her leadership by pulling together bipartisan support for this important national security issue.

“Since 2001, ACC members have helped lead the way on chemical security, well ahead of government regulation. They have invested more than $8 billion on facility security enhancements under ACC’s Responsible Care® Security Code, which has become the gold standard for the industry and a model for regulatory programs.”

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