WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 14, 2011) The American Alliance for Innovation, an alliance representing a broad spectrum of the economy, responded today to the introduction of the “Safe Chemicals Act of 2011” by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and called on Congress to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in a manner that protects human health and the environment while fostering innovation and safeguarding American jobs. The undersigned members of the American Alliance for Innovation issued the following statement:

“We agree with Senator Lautenberg that it is time to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and look forward to reviewing the details of his legislation. We are particularly concerned about how it may impact America’s manufacturing base, and we look forward to continuing work to ensure our shared goal of responsible TSCA modernization.

“In addition to establishing a dialogue with Senator Lautenberg, we are committed to a bipartisan discourse with members in both houses to find the most effective approach to updating TSCA in a manner that promotes confidence in the system that ensures the safe use of chemicals as well as encourages innovation, and protects American jobs.

“It is also our intention to try and seek common ground on key issues for improving TSCA with environmental and public health groups as well as other stakeholders. It is critical that all stakeholders — regulators, downstream users, raw material suppliers, retailers, and environmental, consumer, animal welfare, and labor groups — work together to help Congress develop sound policies to ensure the safe use of chemicals.”

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The American Alliance for Innovation represents businesses both large and small in industries including the following sectors: aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, energy, equipment manufacturers, electronics, food and grocery, information technology, medical technology, and retail.

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