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The Honorable Pete Olson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bob Latta
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Olson, Latta, Kirkpatrick, and Cuellar:

On behalf of the members of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), we commend you for introducing H.R. 4265, the "Clean Air Implementation Act of 2015." Your bipartisan legislation will improve the implementation process for new air regulations and support U.S. manufacturing investment and job growth.

As you know, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone take effect on December 28, 2015. Manufacturers wanting to build or expand a facility will be required to obtain a permit showing that their project will comply. Yet it often takes years for EPA to issue the necessary rules and guidance.

We are concerned that some chemical industry projects will be in limbo until EPA fixes problems with the regulatory implementation process. At least \$10 billion in investment – new facilities, expansions, and factory restarts – could be at risk.

H.R. 4265 will help. It would give EPA more time to review and revise air quality standards, ensuring a more certain regulatory environment for state air-quality agencies and businesses. And it would pause implementation of the new ozone standards while policymakers streamline and clarify the process.

Thank you for taking this important step to address our nation's flawed process for implementing new air rules. We look forward to working with you to secure swift passage of the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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