

American Success Relies on American Chemistry

Chemistry enables affordable housing, reliable infrastructure, and effective, modern healthcare technologies. It is the driving force behind everyday products like smartphones and computers. And it is essential to transformative products like electrical vehicles and solar panels which are driving the future.

Overregulation Weakens Global Competitiveness

A surge in new restrictions and lack of coordination between the Biden Administration White House and its agencies is handicapping the chemical industry's ability to create products.

New proposed restrictions could limit access to and increase the cost of essential products, harming the U.S. economy, jeopardizing American competitiveness in the global market, and delaying progress for industries and sectors with urgent and growing needs.

Americans value the chemical sector, and at least two-thirds of adults both nationally and across battleground states believe the chemical sector is essential to the Biden Administration's priorities.

69% of Americans feel strongly that EPA should do more to ensure the restrictions

they impose don't do

harm to the U.S. economy.

63%

of Americans see regulatory overload as harmful to the amount of goods produced in the U.S. 69%

of Americans are
concerned that
additional restrictions
on the chemical sector
could harm the cost
of living.



Economic Impacts and Slowed Progress

Smart regulation puts science first, promotes innovation and supports supply chain resiliency.

The Biden Administration has proposed an array of new restrictions with the potential to directly impact the chemical industry. Some aim to outright ban certain chemistries. Others may regulate chemistries to levels where manufacturing becomes unviable or impossible. If enacted, these restrictions have the potential for a detrimental impact on the supply chains for vital technologies, including semiconductors, clean energy solutions like electric vehicles, and many modern healthcare applications.

These restrictions contradict policy priorities set forth by law like the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and CHIPS and Science Act.

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Support for Innovation

Many of these overly conservative restrictions can be right sized in ways that keep strong regulations in place and Americans safe without unnecessarily banning chemistries outright or regulating them at trace levels, de facto banning manufacturing.

The Biden Administration must pay attention and act.

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must be empowered to do its job and evaluate all significant rulemaking through the lens of potential impacts to the supply chain, trade, national security, energy, climate, healthcare, infrastructure, technology (e.g., chips/EVs) etc. objectives.
- Someone should be assigned inside the Administration, preferably the White House, with economic expertise who can objectively assess the impact of these proposed regulations on the supply chain and the ability to achieve national goals.
- The EPA must be willing to come to the table, put science first, and develop rules and regulations that protect health and the environment without stifling innovation and weakening supply chain resiliency.

Congress must exercise its oversight authority

and examine how overly strict EPA regulations on certain chemistries will cut off access to products and technologies needed to support American-made energy, vehicles, infrastructure, healthcare, semiconductors, etc.

If necessary, Congress should consider legislation to improve the regulatory process, streamline permits, eliminate overly conservative regulations and/or replace those regulations with more flexible, smart, science-based policy approaches.

The Biden Administration, EPA, other federal agencies, and Congress must do a better job of thinking through the real-world supply chain and whole economy impacts of regulatory outcomes.