



March 14, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the interests of U.S. plastic manufacturers and the associated plastic value chain. We write you to reiterate our support for a strong, ambitious global agreement to end plastic pollution in the environment.

Plastics drive down greenhouse gas emissions, make medical care safer, deliver clean water, improve the efficiency of renewable energy, cut food waste, slash the energy footprint of your home, and make transportation more sustainable. Plastic waste in the environment is never acceptable. ACC supports developing of a legally binding agreement among nations to address plastic waste in the environment, while maintaining the benefits of plastics to achieving a lower carbon and sustainable future.

With INC-4 just over a month away, the U.S. is in a key position to help forge agreement among delegations and arrive at an effective final agreement. Such an outcome will require discipline at home and abroad: the U.S. must continue to use its domestic regulatory authorities to address plastic pollution constructively and intelligently, while also pressing for implementable language in the global agreement that spurs circularity and eliminates plastic pollution.

Key elements of an effective global agreement include:

1. **Global measures and actions:** A requirement for globally harmonized measures that promote effective implementation of the agreement, while recognizing national and local circumstances. Governmental action plans should establish national targets for reducing plastic waste, increasing the use of recycled content, promoting extended producer responsibility systems, and prioritizing high leakage applications, with specific rates and dates.
2. **Progress reports:** National assessments and progress reports on plastic waste reduction, based on universal methodology.
3. **Public-private partnerships:** Mechanisms to accelerate the use of recycled plastics through public-private partnerships and blended finance. The recently-launched End Plastic Pollution International Collaborative (EPPIC) is a mechanism that shows promise.



4. **Guidance:** Guidance to accelerate a circular economy, such as best practices on waste minimization, product design by application, informal recycling economy and public policies.
5. **Capacity building:** Capacity building to support environmentally sound materials and waste management.
6. **Pellet containment:** Mandated participation in a certified program to help prevent plastic materials in the value chain from entering the environment (e.g., Operation Clean Sweep[®]).

We encourage the U.S., through its statements at home and in the global negotiations, to steer the global community away from measures that will make U.S. manufacturers less competitive and/or jeopardize the many benefits plastics provide to the economy and the environment. Such measures include: restrictions on plastic production; bans of materials, chemistries or product applications; bans or limitations on recycling technologies; or restrictions of trade in chemicals or polymers.

We believe the global community can arrive at a successful and effective agreement to end plastic pollution. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss our recommendations with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CJahn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Jahn
President and CEO