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The Honorable Ambassador Jamieson Greer United States Trade Representative

The Honorable Gerardo Werthein

Minister, Argentina Ministry of External Relations

The Honorable Luis Caputo

Minister, Argentina Ministry of the Economy

Dear Ambassador Greer, Minister Werthein, and Minister Caputo:

The American Chemistry Council and the CIQyP (Camara de la Industria Quimica y Petroquimica) value the robust economic and trade partnership between the United States and Argentina, particularly when it comes to the business of chemistry. The American and Argentinian chemical sectors have strong ties in terms of investment, complementary production chains, and sourcing relationships. The United States has a significant and growing trade surplus with Argentina in chemicals over the past several years, exporting value added materials that support domestic American production and their workers while also importing critical raw inputs and materials that are not readily available in the United States. Our industries have common interests, and common goals.

We think that a sectoral initiative on chemicals between the United States and Argentina, either on its own or part of a larger trade agreement, would be a win for both countries. A sectoral initiative would support more resilient supply chains for chemicals and the essential industries reliant on chemical inputs for their domestic production including semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, energy and resource mining, consumer products and construction materials just to name a few.

Our industries in Argentina and the United States have been long-standing supporters of a pro-growth, deregulatory agenda that would support new value chains where the U.S and Argentina have a competitive advantage, such as mechanical and advanced recycling, and help to ensure a level playing field against unfair trading practices from other countries.

A sectoral initiative on chemicals would also align with the economic agendas of Argentina and the United States including in promoting regulatory simplification; sound science, risk based economic frameworks; trade facilitation and customs simplification; and a pro-business enabling environment for investment. It could also serve as a model for more reciprocal trade agreements with other countries.

We would urge both governments to strongly consider such an initiative and welcome an opportunity to be a partner in this process. As an aligned joint industry, we will develop more detailed proposals to share with

negotiators to advance historic trade commitments between our two great countries. We would invite you to contact Jason Bernstein at <u>Jason_Bernstein@americanchemistry.com</u> or Jorge De Zavaleta at <u>jdezavaleta@ciqyp.org.ar</u> for more information.

Sincerely,

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