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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Inhofe  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Inhofe:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), I am writing in regard to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works oversight hearing on the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act.

The NAM is the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. The NAM is the nation's leading voice for the manufacturing economy, a sector that employs more than 13.5 million Americans and generates \$1.6 trillion in Gross Domestic Product.

NAM member companies are committed to ensuring that manufacturing processes require the safe handling and use of chemicals, and are done in a manner that takes into account a product's lifecycle. Reforming the U.S. chemical management system will not only impact chemical manufacturing, but also the entirety of the supply chain. At a time when the nation is struggling to create jobs and maintain the competitiveness of the manufacturing sector, it is imperative that any effort at reform not exacerbate the current recovery, adversely impact innovation or discourage long-term capital investment.

The NAM commends the Committee's attention on this important issue and welcomes a federal chemical management system that is based on sound science and takes into account intended uses and potential risk.

Manufacturers are committed to working with members and staff to ensure implementation of a forward-thinking and comprehensive chemical management strategy. We appreciate the efforts of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Keith McCoy

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cc: Members of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

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