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The Honorable Bill Flores
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Pete Olson
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The Honorable Bob Latta
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Flores, Olson, Latta, Scalise, and Cuellar:

On behalf of the members of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), we offer our strong support for H.R. 4775, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016." Your bipartisan legislation will help ensure thoughtful, reasonable implementation of new air quality standards and will support U.S. manufacturing investment and job growth.

As you know, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) took effect on December 28, 2015. Manufacturers wanting to build or expand a facility must obtain a permit showing that their project will comply. Yet it often takes years for EPA to provide the necessary rules and guidance – delays that can put U.S. investment and jobs at risk.

Unfortunately, EPA issued the 2015 ozone standards without addressing the overlap with the 2008 standards. As a result, states are being burdened with duplicative and wasteful implementation timelines and activities. A sensible process would let states finish work on the 2008 standards first.

H.R. 4775 will help. It sets a ten-year interval for NAAQS reviews, requires EPA to issue guidance concurrent with any new standards, and leaves the 2008 permitting requirements in effect until nonattainment area designations for the new standards are made. These and other provisions will provide greater regulatory certainty to state air-quality agencies and businesses alike.

Thank you for taking this important step to improve the implementation process for new air rules. We look forward to the bill's hearing this Thursday in the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

Sincerely,

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