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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), I urge you to support the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, commonly known as the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - H.R. 2576. We strongly believe this chemical safety reform bill will increase protections for chemical industry workers. TSCA will empower the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate chemicals already in commerce as well as new ones before they hit the market, rather than after American workers and their families have been exposed to potentially life threatening hazards.

Under the Lautenberg Act, the safety of chemicals would be judged against a pure, health-based safety standard, instead of the current TSCA's onerous cost-benefit standard. It would provide special protections for vulnerable groups, <u>including workers whose exposures to chemicals are</u> often much greater than those of the general public.

Our members in the chemical industry deserve the ability to work without the fear of exposure to known carcinogens and other dangerous or untested chemicals while on the job – just as consumers have the right to know that the products they buy will not hurt their families. We applaud Congressional leaders for coming to a strong agreement today and urge all members of Congress to support the Lautenberg Act.

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Sincerely,

Robert Martinez, Jr.

International President