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The Honorable Patty Murray  
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Dear Chairs Collins, Cole, Murkowski and Simpson and Ranking Members Murray, DeLauro, Merkley, and Pingree:

American manufacturing dominance hinges on the ability to maintain a competitive edge in the global marketplace and for this, domestic manufacturers need access to the most modern and innovative technologies. This is especially true in the chemical manufacturing sector, and the EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) is the gatekeeper for this innovation potential.

With the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2027 now being developed by House and Senate Committees, we appreciate your strong consideration for

adequate funding and staffing for OCSPP. This is a licensing office that performs essential permitting and review functions for industrial, agricultural, and specialty chemicals. The functions of this EPA office advance American competitiveness, further transformative ideas, and promote new domestic manufacturing by processing applications for new and existing chemistries for a myriad of applications – in short ensuring that new products reach American and global consumers - goals essential to this Administration and Congress.

Specifically, through the EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), OCSPP reviews both new and existing chemicals that enable products from auto manufacturing to energy production to cleaning products among nearly all economic sectors. Predictable, timely, science-based reviews are essential to protecting domestic manufacturing jobs and ensuring American economic competitiveness. The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires EPA to conduct reviews of new chemicals entering the market and make a determination before the product can be manufactured. Despite new improvements, EPA simply does not meet the 90-day requirement in the statute for the overwhelming majority of new chemicals. Therefore, it is critical that EPA has adequate resources, modern technology, and sufficient staffing to conduct this vital role and to get the new chemicals program back on track.

Likewise, TSCA requires EPA to conduct reviews of chemicals already on the market that go into many critical products. To support American manufacturing and promote our national and economic security, these reviews must put sound science first, promote innovation and support supply chain resiliency. These reviews are time and resource intensive, and it is essential that they be done transparently and objectively. In fact, this year TSCA fees created ten years ago are due for reauthorization, and the groups writing this letter continue to work with the House and Senate authorizing committees to reach an extension of those fees with targeted efficiencies to the TSCA program.

Similarly, through its Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), OCSPP plays a unique and business-critical role enabling innovative agricultural and public health solutions by evaluating and registering new pesticide products that help farmers protect crops from resistance, disease, and weed and pest pressures; improve yields; feed, clothe, and fuel the world; advance sustainable agriculture; and protect people by keeping homes, schools, workplaces, and public spaces free from disease and pests. Pesticide registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended by the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) 5, is a science- and risk-based EPA approval process that ensures cutting-edge technologies meet rigorous safety standards, while supporting U.S. farmers' ability to compete globally and advancing healthier communities across the nation. Under PRIA 5, companies submitting to OPP for product

approval or product label changes pay PRIA set fees that correspond to PRIA established EPA review timeframes, assuming the company provides all needed information. Unfortunately, according to OPP's own statistics, EPA misses these PRIA 5 deadlines 70 percent of the time for conventional agricultural pesticides – often by years – and 60 percent of the time across all categories, creating a backlog of product applications. America's farmers are operating at a significant competitive disadvantage because due to the OPP backlog, they do not have access to the newest pesticide tools to fight weeds, pests, and disease on their crops, when farmers in other nations do. OPP has a PRIA 5 authorized funding amount of \$166 million which we urge Congress to appropriate to put both American farmers and U.S. public health on a level playing field.

Moreover, these OCSPP programs are important to the nation's sixteen critical infrastructure sectors in maintaining the resilience of assets, systems, and networks that are considered vital to national security. Adequate funding for this office is critical to enable it to conduct its operations in a timely manner and to ensure farmers have access to the most modern technologies in the world.

As you consider competing budget and policy priorities, we respectfully urge you to support authorized and adequate funding technology investment and staffing across these critical OCSPP offices. In the spirit of collaboration, it's critically important that the administration and Congress recognize the essential role these offices play in advancing innovation in the chemical manufacturing and agricultural chemical sectors, supporting U.S. business, maintaining a predictable and science-based regulatory process, and ensuring timely access to new tools to keep America a dominant global industry and agricultural leader.

Sincerely,



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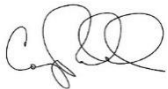
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