

October 15, 2019

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
House Committee on Science, Space and
Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
House Committee on Science, Space and
Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas,

The undersigned organizations, who represent the full chemistry value chain, support HR 2051, The Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act. We strongly urge all members of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee to approve the bill.

Innovation in sustainable chemistry is a core growth driver throughout the US manufacturing sector. Industry, governments, and consumers recognize that greater focus on sustainability in chemical products and processes can help foster new jobs, economic development, and improved competitiveness with commensurate benefits to health, safety, and the environment. More sustainable chemistry and manufacturing processes can also save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Incorporating sustainability principles into the chemical sciences is essential to meeting the future challenges of a growing world. Educating the next generation of scientist to think about sustainability from the university to the manufacturing floor will help deliver benefits to US companies' consumers, the economy, and the environment.

By better coordinating existing federal science and education activities related to sustainable chemistry, H.R. 2051 will help to accelerate needed innovation and improve sustainability in the laboratory, factory, and marketplace. The bill has been developed in consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders and strikes a constructive balance that should be preserved during the markup.

Sincerely,

The GC3 Sustainable Chemistry Alliance
The American Chemistry Council
The American Chemical Society
The Biotechnology Innovation Organization
The Household and Commercial Products Association
The National Association of Manufacturers

CC: Members of the House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology

