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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Upton,

The chemical industry plays an essential role in Michigan's and our Nation's economy and quality of life. As you know, The Dow Chemical Company is headquartered in Midland, Michigan, and employs nearly 6,000 people throughout the state of Michigan. Midland is home to our corporate center and one of our global strategic manufacturing sites, Michigan Operations, which consists of 24 plants that provide products to customers in over 55 countries on six continents. Michigan is home to one of Dow's largest research and development centers, housing over 440 scientists and engineers working to provide innovative solutions in consumer, agricultural, transportation, and building and construction sectors.

For these reasons, I wanted to personally thank you for your support of the discussion draft of the bipartisan *Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Modernization Act of 2015*. It is vital to Michigan's and our Nation's future that we modernize TSCA, the law that oversees the regulation of chemicals in commerce. It has been almost 40 years since TSCA first passed Congress. While the law established a robust regulatory system, over time, confidence in critical chemical management mechanisms under TSCA has eroded.

Thanks to your leadership and the leadership of Ranking Member Pallone and Subcommittee Chairman Shimkus, the TSCA Modernization Act (Act) is a meaningful and important step forward to reforming TSCA in a way that will improve safety and bring renewed credibility to our chemical regulatory system. As additional steps are taken towards enhancing the discussion draft, I appreciate your recognition of the importance in preserving the ability of Dow and other manufacturers to innovate and compete in the global marketplace.

Chairman Upton, your leadership will be critical for successful and meaningful TSCA reform, and Dow supports your efforts. I request that this letter be added to the record for the April 14, 2015, hearing on the TSCA Modernization Act.

Thank you,

Andrew Liveris