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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate  
437 Russell Office Building  
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Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of the 120,000 members of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, I respectfully request you to co-sponsor and support the *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act*, introduced by Senators Tom Udall and David Vitter.

This legislation will successfully modernize Title I of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which regulates the safety of chemicals in commerce. We congratulate the bipartisan group of co-sponsors and supporters who have worked together for years to craft and improve this much-needed legislation.

The *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act* will provide EPA with greater authority and implement a workable system to identify all chemicals in commerce, screen all chemicals entering commerce, identify high-priority chemicals for additional safety evaluation, and take timely action against chemicals found to be harmful to human health. It will improve peoples' confidence in our nation's chemical regulations.

The *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act* will strengthen TSCA, protect public health and the environment, and provides greater protection for vulnerable populations, including workers. At the same time, it gives responsibility for regulating high priority chemicals nationwide to EPA, while preserving states' ability to regulate in the absence of EPA action, seek waivers, grandfather existing regulations adopted prior to 2015, and preserve labeling requirements (e.g. CA Prop. 65).

This legislation will clearly improve our nation's chemical safety laws, and it will help the U.S. chemical industry expand, innovate, and create good American jobs in construction, manufacturing and associated industries. We look forward to working with you in support of this bipartisan legislation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter W. Wise".

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