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President Joseph R. Biden
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of our respective members, we write to request the expeditious nomination of qualified individuals to serve on the board of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazardous Investigations Board (CSB) and to provide sufficient funding in the FY22 budget submission for the critical work of this agency.

The CSB is an independent, non-regulatory agency charged by statute to investigate the root causes of major chemical industry incidents. Unfortunately, the CSB currently finds itself operating with only one board member, Chair Katherine Lemos, and four vacancies that need to be filled.

While our respective organizations sometimes have alternative perspectives on given issues, a superseding common goal throughout both organizations is safety in the workplace. We believe that a fully constituted CSB, properly funded and managed, greatly contributes to this shared objective. We know for certain that a dysfunctional CSB serves no one and does not fulfill the potential for CSB to help improve the safety of our members as well as the general public. The CSB, to continue its progress towards the restoration of its mission, needs a fully populated board of qualified individuals with industry as well as labor experience. Our organizations stand ready to work with you in identifying such capable candidates.

Finally, in order to be successful in its mission, the CSB must have adequate funding to attract, train and retain qualified staff investigators. We urge you to work with Congress to adequately fund the CSB in FY22 and beyond.

Industry and labor are united in support of CSB's mission. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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