

October 15, 2019

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of our members, we are writing to urge you to continue to nominate qualified individuals to fill current and forthcoming vacancies on the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). Without a slate of such individuals the critically important work of this agency could be undone by recurring vacancies occurring between today and August 2020.

We support the mission of the CSB to drive process safety in the petroleum and chemical sectors through independent investigation. Credible and timely investigations lead to important safety recommendations for our industries that can then be collaboratively evaluated and implemented. Without a professionally functioning CSB working under the guidance of a full Board, achieving these objectives is challenging at best. We encourage timely nomination of qualified individuals to fill all Board positions as they start to become vacant.

While the CSB has undergone significant turmoil in the past, tremendous progress has been recently made to restore integrity to investigative protocols and establish lines of communication to our respective members. These positive developments created the potential for safety improvements across all sectors. This momentum could be jeopardized with an absence of sound and effective leadership at the CSB. A fully functioning CSB yields a better return on scarce taxpayer resources while increasing public safety.

Your nomination of Katherine Lemos to chair the CSB has received broad support. We deeply appreciate your leadership in this area, and hope you will use this unique opportunity to fully populate the entire board of the CSB through judicious nominations. We look forward to working with you in the coming months to identify potential candidates for the current and impending vacancies.

Most Respectfully,

American Chemistry Council
American Chemical Society
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce