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The Honorable Chris Coons
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Coons:


On behalf of the American Chemical Society, I would like to convey our support for the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2018.

Sustainable Chemistry, simply put, is a transformative and innovative way of thinking about chemistry and chemical engineering. More specifically, it involves conserving energy, reducing waste and toxicity, while producing economically competitive products and processes. Ultimately, it is the future of the chemical sciences.

If we are to harness these discoveries and truly transform the chemistry enterprise, improving coordination, information sharing, and research support is essential. The Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act is critical to boosting the government's role in advancing green and sustainable chemistry. By increasing agency coordination and funding, supporting public private partnerships, and establishing broad definitions, this legislation will take an important step to improving both the marketplace, chemistry enterprise, and our nation.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation for your hard work on this issue, as well as your stewardship of the Congressional Chemistry Caucus. Your leadership and insight are essential to advancing the goals of green and sustainable chemistry, and we look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If ACS can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact Carl Maxwell at c_maxwell@acs.org.

Sincerely,



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