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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
530 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Sean Casten  
429 Cannon, HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Whitehouse and Representative Casten:

On behalf of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I am writing to endorse S. 2300 and H.R.4230, the Clean Industrial Technology Act of 2019 (CITA). As you may know, ACS represents over 150,000 chemists and chemical engineers and is among the nation's largest and oldest scientific societies.

ACS recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability and that modern civilization depends on it. Environmental considerations and economic growth are not mutually exclusive. We believe the chemistry enterprise must continue to provide leadership in forging the science and technology that will provide humanity with a sustainable path into the future.

S.2300/H.R.4230 will address major gaps in America's research portfolio by focusing de-carbonization efforts on sectors of the economy critical to growth. Creating a win-win scenario to address global warming should be a priority for policymakers across party lines. The CITA act represents a unique opportunity to use America's innovation economy to improve the environment, create jobs, and pass along a sustainable world to future generations.

Additionally, ACS strongly endorses the amendment language to H.R.4230 offered by Rep. Dan Lipinski to include green and sustainable chemistry in research efforts established in CITA. Green and sustainable chemistry represent a unique mindset challenging chemists to use benign by design principles as a core concept in research efforts. We hope the Senate will also incorporate this language, and believe it coordinates with other congressional efforts to boost sustainability.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of America's workers and environment, and we look forward to working with you to secure passage. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carl Maxwell ([c\\_maxwell@acs.org](mailto:c_maxwell@acs.org)) or myself.

Sincerely,

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