

July 15, 2015

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski United States Senate 709 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski,

As an organization that represents businesses and manufacturers in Alaska, the Alaska Chamber supports the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Our nation's chemical laws have not been updated in a generation and it is past time they were updated.

Our nation's chemical laws need to be updated. It is important that consumers in Alaska and across the country can feel confident in the use of chemicals in commerce. The products of chemistry enable a healthier, safer and more sustainable future for Alaska; creating jobs that support families and communities; and enhancing safety for our families and our communities. Much of the energy sector, for example, relies on the products of chemistry to more efficiently conserve energy, enhance production, and reduce energy costs. Additionally, TSCA modernization will enable innovation in American chemistry by evaluating safety information, requiring testing to fill information gaps and protecting intellectual property.

It is encouraging that H.R. 2576 (TSCA Modernization Act of 2015) has already passed the House with bipartisan support. The Alaska Chamber applauds your leadership as a co-sponsor of S. 697 along with Congressman Young's support passing H.R. 2576.

TCSA is an important step toward giving Alaska families greater assurance that the products we use are safe while ensuring that the U.S. continues to be the world's leading innovator. Thank you for your support of S. 697.

Sincerely

President and CEO