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Ryan,

Wanted to make sure you had copies of both these letters .

Happy Friday!

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Mark P. Vergnano
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The Chemours Company
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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware with revenues of \$6 billion, Chemours is a global leader in titanium technologies, fluoroproducts and chemical solutions, providing our customers with solutions in a wide range of industries with market-defining products, application expertise and chemistry-based innovations. Our ingredients are found in plastics and coatings, refrigeration and air conditioning, mining and oil refining operations and general industrial manufacturing. We have approximately 7,000 employees, 5,000 located in the United States, and 26 manufacturing sites serving approximately 4,000 customers in North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific and Europe.

As a leading U.S.-based chemical company, we are committed to putting American innovation to work to create global, market-leading product opportunities, and, in the process, support new manufacturing investments and new jobs in the United States. Our belief in the importance of U.S. investment and job creation is backed up by our actions, as Chemours has expansions underway to several of our U.S. manufacturing facilities, including a notable \$300 million new refrigerant facility at our Corpus Christi, Texas location that will result in the creation of more than 350 new direct and indirect jobs. This investment will create the largest production facility in the world for low global warming potential (GWP) HFO refrigerants. U.S.-based technology and U.S.-based production will serve the global needs for this important product.

Critical to the success of our Texas facility; indeed, critical to any American manufacturing investment is regulatory and policy consistency. On this front, we are pleased with your selection of Scott Pruitt to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We recently had the opportunity to meet with Administrator Pruitt in Washington, D.C., to discuss our company, our products and our U.S. investments, including our Corpus Christi, TX plant expansion. We came away from the meeting impressed with Administrator Pruitt's demeanor, intellect and vision for EPA.

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Administrator Pruitt's common sense approach to streamlining implementation of key changes to the Toxic Substances Control Act, as required by the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, in order for the EPA to more efficiently approve new chemicals into the marketplace, is important for the U.S. chemical industry and Chemours. And, EPA's timely approval of new chemicals is, quite simply, essential to the success of our Texas plant expansion and the new jobs it will create.

Following our meeting with Administrator Pruitt, we saw immediate action from EPA to address the challenges and delays with new chemical product approvals that existed when he took office. We appreciate Administrator Pruitt's leadership and decisive action on this important matter.

We believe Administrator Pruitt can be a new type of leader at EPA; namely, a professional who understands that the agency can deliver on its core mission of protecting human health and the environment and at the same time, promote U.S. investment and job creation via responsible and consistent environmental policies and regulations. Chemours believes the EPA can and should do both, and we welcome the opportunities that such a rational approach will create for the U.S. economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark P. Vergnano', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mark P. Vergnano

cc: Administrator Scott Pruitt, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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May 30, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I write to thank you for our recent meeting in Washington, D.C.

We appreciated the opportunity to hear you describe your vision for leading the Environmental Protection Agency. As we discussed during the meeting, you represent a new type of leader at EPA; namely, a professional who understands that the agency can deliver on its core mission of protecting human health and the environment and, at the same time, promote U.S. investment and job creation via responsible and consistent environmental policies and regulations. Chemours believes the EPA can do both; indeed, we believe the agency should do both, and we welcome the opportunities that such a rational approach will create for the U.S. economy.

We also appreciated the chance to provide you with more information about Chemours. With approximately 7,000 employees, (5,000 of whom are located in the United States) and 26 manufacturing sites, which serve approximately 4,000 customers in North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific and Europe, we are committed to putting American innovation to work to create global, market-leading product opportunities, and, in the process, support new manufacturing investments and new jobs in the United States.

Please know that our discussions with you about how your staff is going about the process of implementing key changes to the Toxic Substances Control Act, required by the 2016 Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, produced immediate and substantive results. Since our meeting, significant progress has been made to address our concerns about EPA's implementation of the changes to Section 5 – the new chemicals program – and we believe the backlog for new product approvals that existed when you took office is on the way to being addressed. We appreciate your leadership on this important issue.

Directly related to one of the many market sectors we are involved in, we also shared with you that we have previously invested hundreds of millions of dollars in the development of new generation refrigerants, such as hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs). These refrigerants provide automobile manufacturers with a low-cost alternative to meeting light-duty vehicle standards that are already being implemented in the United States. Importantly, Chemours is also making investments that will create additional American manufacturing and commercial jobs.

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Of note, you will recall we talked about an ongoing \$300 million manufacturing investment that will result in the construction of a new HFO production facility at our Corpus Christi plant site in Ingleside, TX.

Please consider this letter a personal invitation for Chemours to host you and your senior staff this fall at the Corpus Christi plant. We would value the opportunity to provide you and your invitees with a tour of the facility, including the new expansion project, and to talk in more detail about our new products and the global markets that will be served from this plant.

We also would value the opportunity to continue dialogue with you about how your leadership at EPA can pave the way for new investment and job creation by the entire U.S. chemical industry.

We trust you will favorably view this invitation to tour our Corpus Christi plant later this year, and we will follow up directly with your senior staff to select a date for same.

Sincerely,

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Mark P. Vergnano

cc: Mr. Ryan Jackson
Mr. Greg Smith