WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United Steelworkers—on behalf of their 1.2 million active and retired members, and the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, in a joint letter, have petitioned President Biden to fill the four empty seats on the Chemical Safety & Hazards Investigations Board (CSB) and to use the President's forthcoming FY 2022 budget proposal to recommend proper funding to support the important work and mission of the CSB.

Refineries and petrochemical plants across the country are staffed by members of the United Steelworkers. The USW/AFPM joint letter showcases both organizations' alignment around the objective of workplace safety. They write, "a dysfunctional CSB serves no one and does not fulfill the potential for CSB to help improve the safety of our members as well as the general public. The CSB, to continue its progress towards the restoration of its mission, needs a fully populated board of qualified individuals with industry as well as labor experience."

Both AFPM and USW have offered to support the Administration in identifying qualified candidates to fill CSB vacancies and to make the case to Congress for a well-funded and appropriately staffed CSB team.

AFPM has a longstanding relationship with the CSB as an industry stakeholder with expertise in refining and petrochemical science and safety programs. We provide technical briefings and facility tours to CSB chairs, board members, and staff as part of our engagement and will continue to provide that expertise as additional members are confirmed to the Board, which we hope happens soon under President Biden's watch.

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