

Senate Resolution 703

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Gooch of the 51st, Dolezal of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing concerns regarding regulatory overreach impacting the chemical industry and
2 urging the federal government to reevaluate proposed restrictions; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the vital role played by the chemical industry
4 in the economic development, national security, and technological innovation of the United
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, the chemical industry is a cornerstone of our nation's economy, contributing
7 over \$600 billion in economic impact, supporting more than half a million jobs, and
8 constituting 25% of the gross domestic product and, in Georgia, supports over 20,000 jobs
9 as a \$13 billion industry; and

10 WHEREAS, the chemical industry is instrumental in providing essential products and
11 innovations that drive progress in areas such as housing, infrastructure, healthcare,
12 telecommunications, and clean energy solutions; and

13 WHEREAS, the success of the chemical industry is crucial to maintaining America's global
14 competitiveness and achieving national priorities; and

15 WHEREAS, recent regulatory actions and proposed restrictions by the Biden administration
16 and its agencies have raised concerns about the impact on the chemical industry's ability to
17 innovate, create products, and contribute to the nation's economic growth; and

18 WHEREAS, these new restrictions have the potential to limit access to and increase the cost
19 of essential products, negatively impacting the United States economy, jeopardizing
20 American competitiveness, and delaying progress in industries with urgent and growing
21 needs; and

22 WHEREAS, there are currently 13 proposed new restrictions with the potential to directly
23 impact the chemical industry, ranging from outright bans on certain chemistries to
24 regulations that may render manufacturing unviable or impossible; and

25 WHEREAS, these restrictions may have detrimental effects on the supply chains for vital
26 technologies, including semiconductors, electric vehicles, and modern healthcare
27 applications; and

28 WHEREAS, the proposed restrictions contradict policy priorities set forth by laws such as
29 the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and CHIPS
30 and Science Act; and

31 WHEREAS, responsible regulation that prioritizes science, promotes innovation, and
32 supports supply chain resiliency is essential to achieving national goals.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
34 GEORGIA that:

35 (1) The Georgia General Assembly expresses concern about the potential adverse impact
36 of regulatory overreach on the chemical industry and its contributions to the nation's
37 economic prosperity;

38 (2) The Georgia General Assembly calls on the Biden Administration, federal agencies,
39 and Congress to reevaluate proposed restrictions on the chemical industry, ensuring that
40 regulations are based on sound science, promote innovation, and support supply chain
41 resiliency; and

42 (3) The Georgia General Assembly urges the Administration, Federal agencies, and
43 Congress to support frameworks that celebrate innovation and accelerate progress in the
44 chemical industry.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the President of the
47 United States, the Georgia Congressional delegation, and relevant federal agencies to inform
48 them of the concerns and recommendations expressed herein.