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To the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 6843, the “Building Civic Bridges Act,” and we thank Reps. Derek Kilmer and Andy Barr and the cosponsors of this legislation for crafting this important bill to help local communities foster civil discourse to address shared challenges.

The Building Civic Bridges Act would create a new Office of Civic Bridgebuilding within AmeriCorps to oversee a pilot program focused on improving civic discourse. The Office would administer a grant program and implement training resources to help local community organizations build relationships across groups with disparate perspectives to achieve dialogue and consensus on solutions.

We believe H.R. 6843 would provide important tools to help leaders in communities across America address many challenges. The Chamber supports this legislation.

Sincerely,

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