

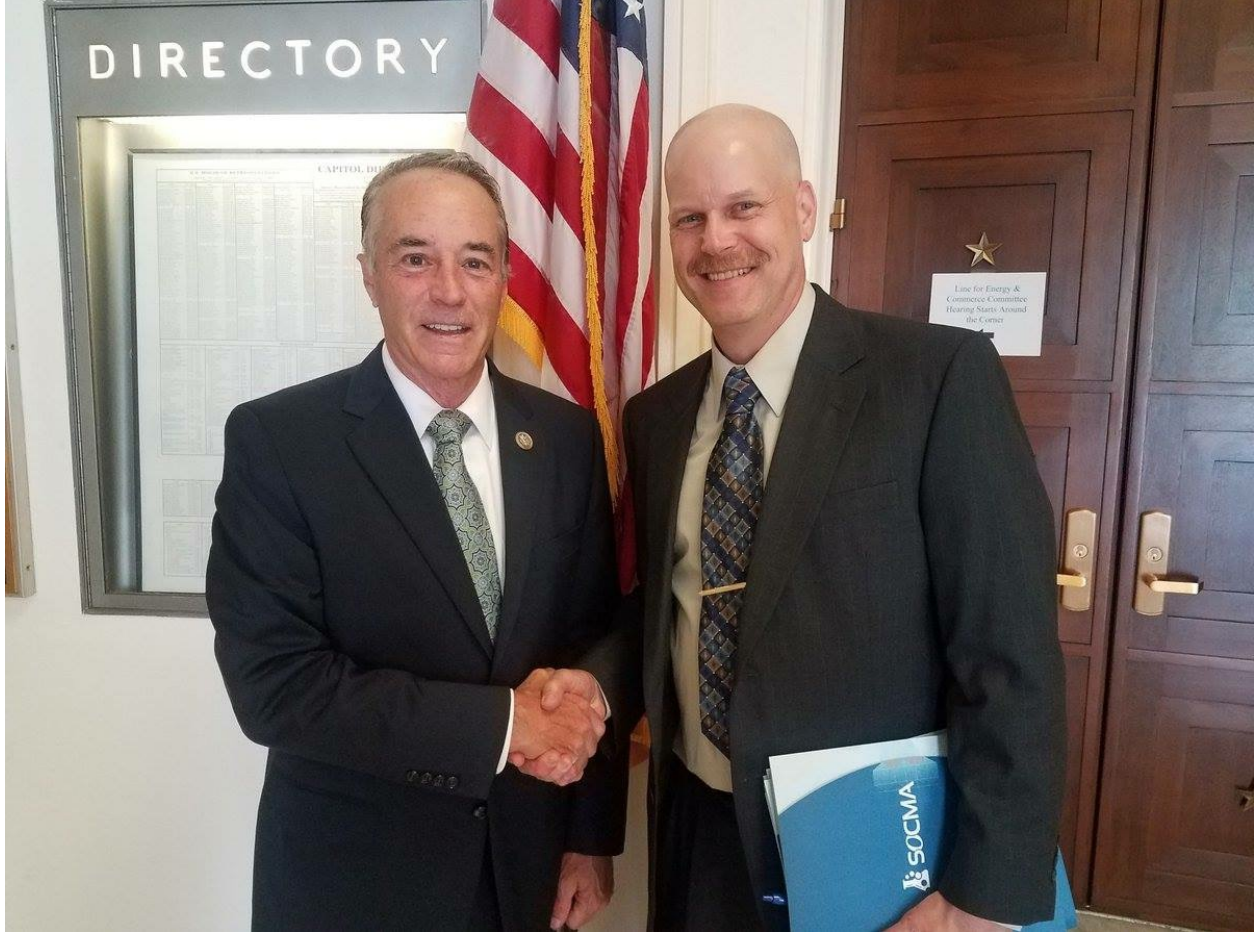
VanDeMark / SOCMA Meeting on Capitol Hill

June 6, 2018: Washington DC

SOCMA (Society of Organic Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates) members were in Washington DC to meet with Congressional Members, Agencies and Staff on items critical to the chemical industry. VanDeMark Chemical Inc is a member of SOCMA which is a U.S.-based trade association representing a 300 billion dollar specialty and fine chemical industry. Some of the main topics during the visit to Capitol Hill were focusing on trade barriers and tariffs; as well as getting updates on environmental and security standards. These topics are not only key to the chemical manufactures like VanDeMark Chemical, but also our vendors and customers that supply raw materials or use specialty chemicals in their processes and products. Chris Banach, Director of Environmental, Health, Safety, Quality and Security at VanDeMark joined the SOCMA team in a number of meetings with the Senatorial and Congressional Staff and Agencies to provide information and industry perspective. Our Government representatives were overwhelmingly supportive of the small and medium businesses represented by the SOCMA and the challenges faced in 2018.



During a pause of the Energy and Commerce Committee meeting; Legislative Assistant, Eric Arndt, Congressman Chris Collins (R- NYS District 27), Chris Banach, and SOCMA's Jared Rothstein discuss trade barriers for the chemical industry.



Congressman Chris Collins (R- NYS District 27) and Chris Banach of VanDeMark Chemical Inc. met on 6th June. Congressman Collins was very receptive to the challenges faced by small businesses in a global economy.