

August 21, 2012

Dear Senators:

The undersigned organizations represent a large and diverse group of American businesses that create the foundation of our nation's ability to innovate, compete on the global stage, and create jobs for U.S. workers. We represent each step in the supply chain, from chemical and metals producers to food and consumer product manufacturers to industries that rely on and sell chemicals and chemical-containing products. Effective, science-based regulation of chemicals is important to each of our industries, which is why we have come together to support bipartisan efforts to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

Earlier this summer, Senators Inhofe, Vitter, Alexander, and Crapo accepted the invitation from Senator Lautenberg to develop a fresh, bipartisan approach to update TSCA. This was a welcome development.

Unfortunately, Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee leadership chose to move forward with a bill that did not reflect the input of the Republican Senators or many of the stakeholders on all the very complex issues involved in TSCA. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Committee held a markup of S. 847, Senator Lautenberg's *Safe Chemicals Act*, and voted along party lines to approve the bill.

Attempts have been made to characterize the current version of S. 847 as a compromise bill that could gain the support of Republicans and industry. For our industries, this is not the case for the bill in its current form. We wholeheartedly support the continuation of a bipartisan process to discuss the right concepts needed in legislation to effectively reform the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate chemicals. We believe that S. 847 as reported by the EPW Committee does not accomplish this goal.

The Republican Senators, led by Senator Vitter, have signaled that they will continue to develop sound, science and risk-based legislation to update TSCA, and will work with members of the Democratic caucus on new legislation. We stand ready to support efforts to create such a bipartisan bill so we can all benefit from a successful and efficient chemical regulatory system that protects American families and our nation's ability to innovate, compete, and grow.

Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council  
Aerospace Industries Association  
Alkylphenols & Ethoxylates Research Council  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association  
American Coke & Coal Chemicals Institute  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Forest & Paper Association

American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers  
American Gas Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Wood Council  
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association  
Can Manufacturers Institute  
Composite Panel Association  
Compressed Gas Association  
Corn Refiners Association  
CropLife America  
Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigments Manufacturers, North America  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association  
Flexible Packaging Association  
Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc.  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc.  
International Sleep Products Association  
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America  
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association  
Methanol Institute  
National Association for Surface Finishing  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
National Industrial Sand Association  
National Lime Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Mining Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association  
National Tank Truck Carriers  
Nickel Institute  
Oregon Women in Timber  
Pine Chemicals Association  
Plastic Pipe & Fittings Association  
Plastics Pipe Institute  
Portland Cement Association  
RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)  
Rubber Manufacturers Association  
Silicones Environmental, Health and Safety Council of North America  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates  
Specialty Graphic Imaging Association

SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance  
Styrene Information and Research Center  
Textile Rental Services Association  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The Vinyl Institute  
Toy Industry Association  
Travel Goods Association  
Treated Wood Council  
United States Chamber of Commerce  
Utility Solid Waste Activities Group