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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Upton, Waxman, Shimkus, and Tonko,

We are writing to you as members of the American Alliance for Innovation, a large and diverse coalition of trade associations representing a broad spectrum of the economy, including businesses both large and small. Industry sectors represented in the coalition include: aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building and construction materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, electronics, energy, equipment manufacturers, food and grocery, footwear, healthcare products and medical technology, information technology, mining and metals, plastics, retail, and travel goods.

We support updating the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in a scientifically sound and economically practical way. Creating an effective national regulatory system that will allow us to continue to provide the goods and services that so many Americans rely on as part of their everyday lives is critical as part of this update. In addition, any update needs to allow U.S. industries to continue to bring innovative solutions to the marketplace and provide consumers with a greater degree of confidence that chemicals in commerce are being used safely.

We appreciate the efforts of the members of your Committee and Subcommittee over the past few months to explore and discuss TSCA reform. The hearings took a very thorough and thoughtful approach that carefully examined each of the major sections of the statute and allowed many of the key stakeholders to share their views on areas that need to be updated.

We believe the hearings have allowed Subcommittee Chairman Shimkus to put forward a well-grounded discussion draft that can serve as a solid foundation for introducing legislation that will make significant improvements to TSCA and garner the bipartisan support needed for passage in the House.

With this proposal, and the bipartisan bill in the Senate, for the first time we have a historic opportunity to make fundamental changes to TSCA that allow the U.S. to continue to lead the way in safely managing chemicals, driving innovation, and creating jobs.

We are committed to helping pass legislation that will make meaningful changes to TSCA that will benefit all Americans, and strongly urge Congress to continue to move these proposals forward.

Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council
Alkylphenols & Ethoxylates Research Council
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Architectural Manufacturers Association
American Bakers Association
American Chemistry Council
American Cleaning Institute
American Coatings Association
American Coke & Coal Chemicals Institute
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Fiber Manufacturers Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Gas Association
American Wood Council
APA-The Engineered Wood Association
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association
Association of Global Automakers, Inc.
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association
Can Manufacturers Institute
Composite Lumber Manufacturers Association
Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Consumer Specialty Products Association
Corn Refiners Association
Edison Electric Institute
EPS Industry Alliance
ETAD North America, representing the North American Dyes Manufacturing Industry
Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association
Flexible Packaging Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance
Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association
Industrial Minerals Association, North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses
International Diatomite Producers Association
International Fragrance Association, North America

International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration
International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers
International Sleep Products Association
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
Methanol Institute
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
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 Grocers Association
National Industrial Sand Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pest Management Association
National Retail Federation
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.
Nickel Institute
Oregon Women In Timber
Personal Care Products Council
Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Pine Chemicals Association, Inc.
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
Resilient Floor Covering Institute
RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)
Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates
Specialty Graphic Imaging Association
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance
SPRI, Inc. (representing the Single Ply Roofing Industry)
Styrene Information and Research Center
The Chlorine Institute
The Silver Institute
The Vinyl Institute
Toy Industry Association
Travel Goods Association
Treated Wood Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Utility Solid Waste Activities Group
Vinyl Building Council
Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc.
Window and Door Manufacturers Association