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The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment and Economy
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2452 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Shimkus:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 15, 2014, asking a follow-up question in regards to my testimony on March 12, 2014, in the Subcommittee on Environment and Economy hearing titled "Chemicals in Commerce Act."

Question for the Record from The Honorable Henry A. Waxman:

Question: In your testimony, you described the current system of state level chemical regulation as "unworkable."

1. **Please provide a list of any state laws that have prevented your member from distributing chemicals in the United States.**

The current federal law has failed to provide a workable national framework to assess the safety of chemicals. New laws and proposals at the state level have been initiated to fill the gap. The problem with a state approach is not in the physical distribution of chemicals from chemical distributors to product manufacturers. In describing the system as "unworkable," I am referring to the need for a national framework to provide greater confidence to consumers that the products they use and consume are safe as well as to maintain a national distribution of manufactured products. Improving consumer confidence is a key part of why the National Association of Chemical Distributors supports amending the Toxic Substances Control Act. Moreover, laws governing manufactured products should be consistent as many manufacturers must make a single national version of their product for their distribution systems. Providing the Environmental Protection Agency with the ability to better assess chemical safety at a national level brings greater certainty to the marketplace into which we distribute our chemicals.

Sincerely,

Roger T. Harris, President/CEO

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