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The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy
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Dear Chairman Shimkus & Ranking Member Tonko:

On behalf of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA), the leading voice of the specialty chemical industry, thank you for your bipartisan leadership to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act. We offer our continued support for the latest draft TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 scheduled for mark-up tomorrow, May 14, 2015.

The draft legislation addresses TSCA's major shortcomings and is a clear improvement over current law. You and your staffs have done a remarkable job in maintaining the areas of the statute that have worked well or could work better, while honing in on the major problem areas.

Advancing such an important piece of legislation impacting a wide swath of our economy will bode well for America's position as a global economic leader. It will also enhance public confidence in our nation's chemical control laws and the products our industry manufactures. After nearly a decade of failed attempts, I believe Congress is now just steps away from making TSCA reform a reality, thanks to your leadership.

We appreciate your consideration of many perspectives, including SOCMA's. We are optimistic your thoughtful bipartisan process to develop this legislation, as well as the substance of it, will ensure it remains a vehicle for eventual passage.

Sincerely,

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