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The Honorable Paul Tonko  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David McKinley  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Tonko and Ranking Member McKinley:

I write today on behalf of the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) to applaud you for holding today's hearing on "TSCA and Public Health: Fulfilling the Promise of the Lautenberg Act." We are encouraged that the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee is considering this critical issue to ensure that the 2016 updates to the Toxic Substances Control Act are implemented as Congress as intended to protect human health and the environment.

HCPA is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture and sell \$180 billion annually of trusted and familiar products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives. HCPA represents products including disinfectants that kill germs in homes, hospitals and restaurants; air fresheners, room deodorizers, and candles that eliminate odors; pest management products for pets, home, lawn, and garden; cleaning products and polishes for use throughout the home and institutions; products used to protect and improve the performance and appearance of automobiles; aerosol products and a host of other products used every day.

HCPA was supportive of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act, and we applaud Congress' efforts to ensure that it is properly implemented. The formulated products industry was at the forefront of the successful legislative effort in 2016, and its implementation is a top priority for our members. The law is intended to enhance consumer confidence and to impose a single, science-based, federal regulatory system, rather than a patchwork of state-by-state laws, which can result in costly and overly burdensome regulations for businesses of all sizes.

With this in mind, we hope Congress will also dedicate adequate resources to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementation. While industry funds a portion of EPA's activities under the new law, appropriated funds cover the majority of the costs. Funding for TSCA implementation should increase significantly beyond the baseline set during the years when the law was essentially dormant.

We look forward working with you and your Subcommittee staff on implementation of the Lautenberg Act, and appreciate your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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