

# THE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY ACT



A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO REGULATE CHEMICALS IN COMMERCE

*The Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act (LCSA) was passed by a bipartisan majority of Congress and signed into law in June 2016. The LCSA strengthens regulation of chemicals used in countless consumer products in a way that supports safety, economic growth, and innovation.*



## Protects Americans' Health and Our Environment

- Subjects all chemicals in commerce to an EPA review for the first time
- Mandates that safety reviews are risk-based so they consider potential harm, uses, and exposures so conclusions reflect real-world circumstances
- Requires EPA to consider vulnerable groups like infants, pregnant women, and the elderly when reviewing chemicals for safety
- Requires EPA to prioritize chemicals so those that need it most are reviewed first
- Makes it easier for EPA to require more safety testing of chemicals
- Gives EPA clear authority to manage risks posed by chemicals, including labeling requirements, use restrictions, phase-outs, or bans
- Sets aggressive deadlines for EPA to complete its work



## Supports Economic Growth and Manufacturing

- Provides regulatory certainty for businesses throughout our economy that produce, use, or sell chemicals and consumer products
- Strengthens transparency and the quality of science used in safety reviews, so EPA's decisions are more credible
- Strengthens the federal chemical regulatory system so states can focus their resources on other pressing issues in the future, while preserving some existing state regulations
- Allows manufacturers to request that EPA conduct safety reviews on a limited number of specific chemicals in order to provide producers and the marketplace with answers
- Directs EPA to consider costs and benefits of proposed regulations on chemicals



## Promotes America's Role as the World's Leading Innovator

- Establishes a gold standard for chemical regulation that is efficient, cost-effective, and risk-based
- Creates a workable model for other countries considering how to regulate chemicals
- Protects intellectual property, while ensuring that state officials, medical professionals, and first responders have access to critical information when they need it
- Ensures new chemistries can be approved and commercialized in a timely manner so American companies can compete in the fast moving global marketplace

*Chemistry is essential to modern life and our American economy: more than 96 percent of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry; the industry provides 811,000 jobs, more than 25 percent of the U.S. GDP; and the industry is experiencing a renaissance marked by \$185 billion in new investment since 2010. A strong and balanced regulatory system is critical to the safety and prosperity of the American people and this important American industry.*

***The Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act enables safety, growth, and innovation.***