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ACC APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO PHASE OUT USE OF MICROBEADS

WASHINGTON (December 7, 2015) – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement supporting the passage of the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015” (H.R. 1321), bipartisan legislation that creates a consensus on the phase out of solid plastic microbeads in personal care products.*

“We commend House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ) for their leadership on this issue and for their commitment to moving this sensible legislation through the House of Representatives.

“Plastics play a vital role in our economy—from helping build and maintain homes to advancing new technologies. H.R. 1321 is an important step to ensure we have one sensible, national standard for phasing out the use of solid plastic microbeads in personal care products across America. We look forward to working with members of the U.S. Senate in hopes that this legislation will quickly become law.”

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