



# Statement

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## **BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO REMOVE MICROBEADS FROM PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS SIGNED INTO LAW**

WASHINGTON (December 28, 2015) – *Today, President Barack Obama signed into law the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015” (H.R. 1321), which phases out solid plastic microbeads used in rinse-off personal care products. The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement in support:*

“ACC and its members applaud President Obama and the U.S. Congress for taking this important step to ensure there is one sensible, national standard to phase out solid-plastic microbeads from rinse-off personal care products across America.

“We commend leaders in Congress and the president for working together on the „Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015.“ This new law reflects national product stewardship efforts by the personal care industry to phase out the use of solid plastic microbeads used in personal care exfoliating products.

“ACC and our global partners have launched more than 185 projects under our [Declaration of the Global Plastics Associations for Solutions on Marine Litter](#) since 2011. Support for microbead legislation is one such project.”

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