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BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMENTS ON BIPARTISAN CHEMICAL SAFETY LEGISLATION IN SENATE

WASHINGTON (June 11, 2013) – *The American Alliance for Innovation (AAI), a coalition of trade associations representing a broad spectrum of the economy, commented today on the “Chemical Safety Improvement Act of 2013” (CSIA). The CSIA was recently introduced by Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), David Vitter (R-LA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Mike Crapo (R-ID), along with other fellow cosponsors, and called on Congress to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in a manner that protects human health and the environment, while promoting American innovation. The undersigned members of the AAI issued the following statement:*

“We applaud Senators Lautenberg, Vitter, Gillibrand, Crapo and fellow cosponsors for their leadership on this important issue, and we especially commend them for coming together in true bipartisan fashion to introduce compromise legislation to update the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The “Chemical Safety Improvement Act of 2013” (CSIA) will enhance safety, while maintaining America’s ability to compete in today’s global marketplace.

“We are pleased to see that this legislation reflects the broad input that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee received during stakeholder dialogue meetings and through numerous hearings since 2008. The bill provides a solid scientific foundation for regulatory decisions and provides clear direction for EPA to create a transparent, efficient and sensible process to manage the safety of chemicals in commerce.

“We are committed to advancing TSCA reform, and we support the efforts initiated by Senators Lautenberg and Vitter along with their bipartisan cosponsors to work with their colleagues to move this proposal forward in the Senate.”

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The American Alliance for Innovation represents businesses both large and small in industries including the following sectors: aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building and construction materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, energy, equipment manufacturers, electronics, healthcare products and medical technology, food and grocery, information technology, mining and metals, and retail.

Adhesive and Sealant Council
Alkylphenols & Ethoxylates Research Council
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Architectural Manufacturers Association
American Bakers Association

American Chemistry Council
American Cleaning Institute
American Coatings Association
American Coke & Coal Chemicals Institute
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Fiber Manufacturers Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Wood Council
APA – The Engineered Wood Association
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association
Can Manufacturers Institute
Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing
Composite Panel Association
Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Consumer Specialty Products Association
Corn Refiners Association
CropLife America
EPS Industry Alliance
ETAD North America
Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association
Flexible Packaging Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc.
Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association
Industrial Environmental Association
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils
International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses
International Bottled Water Association
International Dairy Foods Association
International Fragrance Association North America
International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration
International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
Methanol Institute
National Association for Surface Finishing
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers
National Industrial Sand Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association

National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pest Management Association
National Retail Federation
Nickel Institute
NORA, An Association of Responsible Recyclers
Oregon Women In Timber
Personal Care Products Council
Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Pine Chemicals Association, Inc.
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Portland Cement Association
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment
Rubber Manufacturers Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates
Specialty Graphic Imaging Association
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance
SPRI, Inc. (representing the Single Ply Roofing Industry)
Styrene Information and Research Center
Textile Rental Services Association
The Chlorine Institute
The Silver Institute
The Vinyl Institute
Toy Industry Association, Inc.
Travel Goods Association
Treated Wood Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Vinyl Building Council
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