

July 23, 2012

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman, Committee on Environment and  
Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Superfund,  
Toxics and Environmental Health  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Boxer and Lautenberg:

We are writing to you on behalf of the American Alliance for Innovation, a large group of diverse businesses, both big and small, including chemical producers, manufacturers and other companies that use chemicals as essential elements of their products, and retailers who sell finished goods to the public. The sound oversight of the production and use of chemicals affects us all, which is why we are committed to science-based, common-sense bipartisan reform of our nation's chemical regulatory system.

We appreciate the efforts of Members of this Committee to address the numerous and complex issues involved with updating the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). We were particularly pleased to learn of the mid-June agreement between Senators Lautenberg and a group of Republican Senators led by Senator David Vitter to work together to develop new and bipartisan legislation to modernize chemical regulation in the United States. We believe that such an ongoing bipartisan collaboration is essential to developing a bill that can transcend the polarization that has plagued this debate.

Therefore, we were disappointed to learn that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works has decided to move forward with a legislative mark-up of the *Safe Chemicals Act*. Given that the bipartisan negotiations have just begun, holding a mark-up of legislation which lacks critical support will only serve to undermine the effort and fracture a promising, new, bipartisan process.

We hope that you will reconsider the decision to mark-up the *Safe Chemicals Act* this week, and remain committed to supporting the current bipartisan effort to modernize TSCA.

Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council  
Alkylphenols & Ethoxylates Research Council  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Chemistry Council  
American Cleaning Institute  
American Coatings Association

American Forest & Paper Association  
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers  
American Petroleum Institute  
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association  
Corn Refiners Association  
CropLife America  
Edison Electric Institute  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Flavor & Extract Manufacturers Association  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc.  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America (IMA-NA)  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
International Fragrance Association North America  
International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc.  
International Sleep Products Association  
National Association for Surface Finishing  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Retail Federation  
Nickel Institute  
Personal Care Products Council  
Pine Chemicals Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Rubber Manufacturers Association  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates  
Specialty Graphic Imaging Association  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Styrene Information & Research Center  
The Vinyl Institute  
Toy Industry Association, Inc.  
Travel Goods Association  
Treated Wood Council  
United States Chamber of Commerce  
Utility Solid Waste Activities Group

cc: The Honorable James Inhofe, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
The Honorable Michael Crapo, Ranking Member, Senate Subcommittee on Superfund,  
Toxics and Environmental Health, Committee on Environment and Public Works  
The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
The Honorable David Vitter