BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMITTED TO FINDING THE RIGHT APPROACH TO UPDATING TSCA

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 17, 2011) -- The American Alliance for Innovation, an alliance of trade associations representing a broad spectrum of the economy, issued the following statement regarding today’s joint legislative hearing on the “Safe Chemicals Act” before the full Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health:

“We appreciate the efforts of Chairman Lautenberg and Ranking Member Inhofe to tackle the numerous and complex issues involved with updating the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) so the law ensures the safe use of chemicals, encourages innovation, and protects American jobs.

“The recent discussions amongst certain stakeholders were constructive and can help provide a foundation to bring TSCA into the modern world of chemical management. While these discussions have led to a greater understanding of the differing viewpoints on important aspects of reforming TSCA, there are still many serious issues that need to be resolved and much more work to be done.

“We think the Safe Chemicals Act, as written, is not the answer. However, we are committed to continuing to work with all stakeholders — regulators, downstream users, raw material suppliers, distributors, retailers, and environmental, consumer, animal welfare and labor groups — to help Congress find the right approach for updating TSCA. Since TSCA impacts every corner of our economy, we believe that both industry and consumers need to have confidence that any changes to the law lead to a more effective and efficient system of regulating chemicals.”

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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 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, and retail.

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Edison Electric Institute
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Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association
Flexible Packaging Association
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Industrial Minerals Association – North America (IMA-NA)
International Diatomite Producers Association
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International Sleep Products Association
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)
National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association for Surface Finishing
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
National Industrial Sand Association
National Mining Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Petrochemical & Refiners Association
National Retail Federation
North American Metals Council
Personal Care Products Council
Pine Chemicals Association
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
Portland Cement Association
Responsible Industry for Sound Environment (RISE)
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