

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Funding for Implementation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act

Dear Chairmen:

We are writing as members of the American Alliance for Innovation (AAI), an alliance of trade associations along the chemistry value chain, to urge you to appropriate sufficient funds in FY18 to enable the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fully implement the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (LCSA; Public Law 114-182). The LCSA amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to modernize the way chemicals are regulated in the United States.

AAI members represent businesses both large and small spread across the economy. We represent many major sectors of our economy—all along the chemistry value chain—including aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building and construction materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, electronics, energy, equipment manufacturers, food and grocery, footwear, healthcare products and medical technology, information technology, mining and metals, paper products, plastics, retail, storage, and travel goods.

The LCSA stipulates that the TSCA program be funded through a combination of Congressional appropriations, as well as new industry fees up to \$25 million per year—a funding concept that industry supports. The statute requires TSCA to be funded, at a minimum, at 2014 levels, or \$56 million annually, in order for these industry fees to apply. Appropriating a funding level that ensures contribution from industry fees is critical to a properly functioning TSCA. We are supportive of President Trump's current FY18 budget proposal to provide an additional \$14 million to EPA to help fund LCSA implementation, and we urge that you not cut the EPA budget proposal as it relates to LCSA implementation. It is imperative that the Agency be appropriated the funds it needs to properly and efficiently execute the requirements of the Lautenberg Act.

Efficient, effective implementation of the LCSA is critical to further ensuring the safe use of chemicals, while encouraging innovation and the development of new products, and maintaining America's ability to compete in today's global marketplace. Providing EPA with the resources it needs to implement LCSA and operate the TSCA program is a top priority for each of our organizations, since it will have a profound impact on the products we make and/or the services we provide, and the millions of workers we represent. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of this important matter, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council  
Aerospace Industries Association  
Agricultural Retailers Association

Alkylphenols & Ethoxylates Research Council  
Aluminum Association  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Chemistry Council  
American Cleaning Institute  
American Coatings Association  
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Fiber Manufacturers Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Frozen Food Institute  
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers  
American Home Furnishings Alliance  
American Institute for Packaging and the Environment  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
Auto Care Association  
Carpet Cushion Council  
Center for Baby and Adult Hygiene Products  
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association  
Composite Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Consumer Healthcare Products Association  
Consumer Specialty Products Association  
Consumer Technology Association  
Corn Refiners Association  
Council of Great Lakes Industries  
Craft & Hobby Association  
CropLife America  
Edison Electric Institute  
EPS Industry Alliance  
ETAD North America  
Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association  
Flexible Vinyl Alliance  
Gemini Shippers Association  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
Halloween Industry Association  
Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance  
Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association  
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association  
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
Industrial Minerals Association North America  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses  
International Fragrance Association North America  
International Housewares Association  
International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration

International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers  
International Sleep Products Association  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
International Wood Products Association  
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association  
Methanol Institute  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
National Association for Surface Finishing  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Textile Organizations  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Grocers Association  
National Industrial Sand Association  
National Lime Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Mining Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Pest Management Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
North American Die Casting Association  
North American Meat Institute  
Oregon Women in Timber  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Painting & Decorating Contractors of America  
Personal Care Products Council  
Personal Watercraft Industry Association  
Pine Chemicals Association International  
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association  
Plastics Industry Association  
Plastics Pipe Institute  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Polyurethane Manufacturers Association  
Portland Cement Association  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
PVC Pipe Association  
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Reusable Packaging Association

RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)  
Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association  
Rubber Manufacturers Association  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates  
Specialty Graphic Imaging Association  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance  
SPRI, Inc. (representing the Single Ply Roofing Industry)  
Structural Insulated Panel Association  
Styrene Information and Research Center  
The Chlorine Institute  
The Silver Institute  
The Toy Association  
The Vinyl Institute  
Thermoset Resin Formulators Association  
Travel Goods Association  
Treated Wood Council  
TRSA – The Linen, Uniform and Facility Services Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Council for International Business  
United Egg Producers  
Utility Solid Waste Activities Group  
Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc.  
Wallcoverings Association  
Waterways Council, Inc.  
Window and Door Manufacturers Association