

May 13, 2015

The Honorable John Shimkus  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment  
and the Economy  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Paul Tonko  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on  
Environment and the Economy  
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Dear Chairman Shimkus and Ranking Member Tonko:

On behalf of the National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD) and our member companies, I am writing to express support for the new draft TSCA Modernization Act of 2015, scheduled for markup in your Subcommittee on May 14, 2015.

Industry, labor, environmental, public health and consumer groups all agree it is time to reform TSCA. Thanks to your leadership and commitment to this important issue, the draft and the Subcommittee markup mean we are closer to achieving that goal than ever before. The inclusive, bipartisan process you have led and the support of Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone have resulted in an approach to TSCA reform that will build confidence in the U.S. chemical regulatory system, protect human health and the environment from significant risks, and meet the commercial and competitive interests of the U.S. chemical industry and the national economy.

Your efforts to develop the draft and hold a markup are significant milestones in the TSCA reform effort. Along with the recent passage by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee of the “Frank Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act” (S. 697), your Subcommittee’s action is providing an important impetus to achieving TSCA reform this year.

We look forward to the Subcommittee’s approval of the draft TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 on May 14, and encourage swift consideration of the legislation by the full Energy and Commerce Committee.

Sincerely,



Eric Byer