## February 29, 2016

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

The Honorable Frederick Upton Chairman Committee on Energy and Commerce United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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 Barbara Boxer Ranking Member Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Frank Pallone Ranking Member 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
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Boxer, Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Pallone, Chairman Shimkus, and Ranking Member Tonko:

We are writing on behalf of the American Alliance for Innovation (AAI) to urge timely and comprehensive negotiations on a conference product to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). AAI is an alliance of trade associations representing a broad spectrum of the economy, businesses large and small. AAI represents many major industry sectors, 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. Updating TSCA so the law ensures the safe use of chemicals, encourages the development of new products, and protects American jobs continues to be a top priority for our associations.

As you know, thanks to strong bipartisan support, both the Senate and House passed TSCA reform legislation last year. Both bills, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, and the TSCA Modernization Act of 2015, have strengths and have been publicly supported by AAI. The attached document, agreed to by the undersigned AAI members, identifies preferred outcome priorities. It is important to note that this document is not exhaustive of all potential issues of interest to the undersigned groups.

Some preferred outcomes identified in the document are in the House bill, some are in the Senate bill. However, TSCA is an extremely complicated statute, and care should be taken as you combine the two bills. In many cases, sections of each bill have been drafted to work in sync

with other sections of the bill. Simply cutting and pasting sections of one bill into another without considering effects on the remaining pieces of the final product could be confusing and problematic. We therefore ask that you consider the attached document as a whole.

The members of AAI are committed to doing our part to help finalize a federal approach that will benefit all consumers and industry, and we strongly urge all of you and your bipartisan, bicameral colleagues to make TSCA reform a reality in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress by finalizing an effective conference product as soon as possible.

## Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council

Agricultural Retailers Association

Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute

Alkylphenols & Ethoxylates Research Council

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

**Aluminum Association** 

American Apparel & Footwear Association

American Architectural Manufacturers Association

American Bakers Association

American Beverage Association

American Chemistry Council

American Cleaning Institute

American Coatings Association

American Composites Manufacturers Association

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Feed Industry Association

American Fiber Manufacturers Association

American Foundry Society

American Frozen Food Institute

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

American Gas Association

American Institute for Packaging and the Environment

American Petroleum Institute

American Road & Transportation Builders Association

American Trucking Associations

APA – The Engineered Wood Association

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association

Association of Global Automakers

Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

**Auto Care Association** 

Can Manufacturers Institute

Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing

Chemical Fabrics and Film Association

Color Pigments Manufacturers Association

Composite Lumber Manufacturers Association

**Composite Panel Association** 

Consumer Healthcare Products Association

Consumer Specialty Products Association

Consumer Technology Association

Copper & Brass Fabricators Council, Inc.

Corn Refiners Association

Council of Great Lakes Industries

Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology

Craft & Hobby Association

CropLife America

Edison Electric Institute

**EPS Industry Alliance** 

Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association

Fashion Accessories Shippers Association

Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association

Flexible Packaging Association

Food Marketing Institute

Gemini Shippers Association

Global Cold Chain Alliance

**Grocery Manufacturers Association** 

Halloween Industry Association

Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association

Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association

INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry

Industrial Environmental Association

Industrial Minerals Association - North America

Institute of Makers of Explosives

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.

Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils

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

Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

IPC - Association Connecting Electronics Industries

Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association

Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association

Methanol Institute

Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association

National Association for Surface Finishing

National Association of Chemical Distributors

National Association of Landscape Professionals

National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Cotton Council

National Council of Textile Organizations

National Electrical Manufacturers Association

National Fisheries Institute

National Grain and Feed Association

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 Stone, Sand and Gravel 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

Personal Care Products Council

Personal Watercraft Industry Association

Petroleum Marketers Association of America

Pine Chemicals Association

Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association

Plastics Pipe Institute

Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association

Polyurethane Manufacturers Association

Portland Cement Association

**Precision Machined Products Association** 

Precision Metalforming Association

**PVC Pipe Association** 

Recreation Vehicle Industry Association

Resilient Floor Covering Institute

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Reusable Packaging Association

Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association

Rubber Manufacturers Association

**Snack Food Association** 

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)

Structural Insulated Panel Association

Styrene Information & Research Center

Textile Rental Services Association

The Carpet and Rug Institute

The Chlorine Institute

The Silver Institute

The Vinyl Institute

Thermoset Resin Formulators Association

Toy Industry Association

**Travel Goods Association** 

**Treated Wood Council** 

United Egg Producers

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Council for International Business

USA Rice Federation

Utility Solid Waste Activities Group

Vinyl Building Council

Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc.

Wallcoverings Association

Waterways Council, Inc.

Window and Door Manufacturers Association

cc: The Honorable David Vitter
The Honorable Tom Udall