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Consumer Specialty Products Association Supports TSCA Modernization Act of 2015

A new bipartisan Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) modernization draft bill released yesterday by Representative John Shimkus (R-IL) and Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ) is a balanced approach to updating the nation's chemicals management policy, according to the Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA), which represents companies manufacturing and marketing products to consumers and institutions.

"The TSCA Modernization Act would establish a science-based chemicals management program, assuring consumers that chemicals in household products have been evaluated and found to meet a risk-based safety standard by scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency. The new draft adds important requirements for the number of assessments EPA must conduct each year and provides a mechanism for protecting critical uses of chemicals. CSPA has been working towards bipartisan modernization of TSCA for six years, and this new draft bill is a big step in bringing U.S. chemical safety laws into the 21st Century," said Phil Klein, association executive vice president, legislative & public affairs. "CSPA will continue to work with lawmakers in the House and Senate and all stakeholders to find common ground on the few remaining issues with a goal of getting a bill on the President's desk this year."

As a result of leadership in the House and Senate, this is the best opportunity in many years for updating the TSCA. CSPA is grateful for the efforts of Chairman Fred Upton, Chairman Shimkus, Ranking Member Pallone and Ranking Member Tonko.

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The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) is the premier trade association representing the interests of companies engaged in manufacturing, formulating, distributing and selling more than \$100 billion annually in the U.S. of familiar consumer products that help household and institutional customers create cleaner and healthier environments. CSPA member companies employ hundreds of thousands of people globally. Products CSPA represents include [disinfectants](#) that kill germs in homes, hospitals and restaurants; [air fresheners, room deodorizers, and candles](#) that eliminate odors; [pest management](#) products for home, lawn and garden, and pets; [cleaning products](#) and [polishes](#) for use throughout the home and institutions; products used to protect and improve the performance and appearance of [automobiles](#); [aerosol products](#) and a host of other products used every day. Through its product stewardship program, [Product Care](#)®, and scientific and business-to-business endeavors, CSPA provides its members a platform to effectively address issues regarding the health, safety and sustainability of their products.