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GMA Statement on Mark-Up of the “Safe Chemicals Act”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Grocery Manufacturers Association issued the following statement in response to today’s mark-up of the “Safe Chemicals Act” (S.847) by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:

“Ensuring the safety of our products is the single most important goal of the food, beverage and consumer products industry, which is why CPG manufacturers are committed to passing legislation that will strengthen the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

“The Grocery Manufacturers Association applauds the efforts of Senators of both parties on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for their work to advance improvements in the law. We urge them to continue working toward a consensus bill that will provide effective, science- and risk-based reforms to TSCA that will bolster consumer confidence and give manufacturers a predictable and efficient system to evaluate the safety of their ingredients.

“GMA is eager to see these critical reforms enacted and will remain actively engaged in discussions with policymakers toward that end.”

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Based in Washington, D.C., the Grocery Manufacturers Association is the voice of more than 300 leading food, beverage and consumer product companies that sustain and enhance the quality of life for hundreds of millions of people in the United States and around the globe.

Founded in 1908, GMA is an active, vocal advocate for its member companies and a trusted source of information about the industry and the products consumers rely on and enjoy every day. The association and its member companies are committed to meeting the needs of consumers through product innovation, responsible business practices and effective public policy solutions developed through a genuine partnership with policymakers and other stakeholders.

In keeping with its founding principles, GMA helps its members produce safe products through a strong and ongoing commitment to scientific research, testing and evaluation and to providing consumers with the products, tools and information they need to achieve a healthy diet and an active lifestyle. The food,

beverage and consumer packaged goods industry in the United States generates sales of \$2.1 trillion annually, employs 14 million workers and contributes \$1 trillion in added value to the economy every year. For more information, please visit www.gmaonline.org.

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