



September 16, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Reid:

We are writing to ask that you bring the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (S. 697) to the Senate floor as soon as possible. This legislation, sponsored by Senators Tom Udall and David Vitter, would reform our nation's badly broken law that was intended to protect human health and the environment from some of the most harmful chemicals but that has failed to do so. This bill has broad support on and off the Hill. As advocates for protection of public health, the environment, animal welfare and workers, representing more than 25 million Americans, we believe it is an urgent priority for the Senate to pass this legislation.

America desperately needs this legislation, which would require safety evaluations of all new and existing chemicals, give EPA stronger testing authority, modernize testing methods, and remove the barriers that have prevented EPA from regulating known dangers like asbestos. Importantly, this legislation also would explicitly require protections for the most vulnerable among us, including children, pregnant women, the elderly, and workers, and make additional vital reforms to the current law.

With 52 cosponsors from 33 states, the Lautenberg Act is poised to receive strong support on the Senate floor. Please make the most of this historic opportunity and allow the Senate to pass this critical chemical safety reform legislation at the first opportunity.

Sincerely,

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