



May 20, 2016

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Democratic Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Democratic Leader
H-221, The Capitol.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell and Leader Reid:

We are writing to ask that you move as quickly as possible to pass the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 2576). This legislation, as agreed to by House and Senate negotiators, deserves broad support both on and off Capitol Hill. As advocates for public health, the environment, wildlife, workers and animal welfare, representing some 26 million Americans, we believe it is an urgent priority for Congress to pass this legislation to reform America's badly broken chemical safety law.

America desperately needs a new law that requires affirmative safety findings for both new and existing chemicals, gives EPA stronger testing authority, modernizes testing methods and removes the barriers that have prevented EPA from regulating known dangers like asbestos. It should also explicitly require protections for the most vulnerable among us, including children, pregnant women, the elderly, and workers, and expand access to information relevant to understanding the health and environmental impacts of chemicals.

Last year, TSCA reform legislation passed both chambers with near unanimous support. We urge all Members of Congress to support the Lautenberg Act and make the most of this historic opportunity.

Sincerely,

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