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The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
United States Capitol H-232  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
United States Capitol H-204  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
United States Capitol S-230  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
United States Capitol S-221  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Pelosi, & Minority Leader Reid,

On behalf of the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), we would like to congratulate the House of Representatives on the overwhelming bi-partisan passage of H.R. 2576, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Modernization Act of 2015. We encourage the Senate to pass this, or similar, legislation in a timely manner.

ECOS and NCSL have offered state input on TSCA reform over several years and have organizational positions on the need for comprehensive reform. Both organizations commend the full House for its vote to improve one of our nation’s principal chemical study and regulation laws.

ECOS and NCSL are particularly encouraged by the language that allows states to regulate a particular chemical in the absence of an EPA final determination, and would urge the full Congress to include such language in a final TSCA modernization bill.

Additionally, ECOS and NCSL are appreciative of provisions in the bill that preserves state laws and regulations of harmful chemicals in the absence of federal action on toxic chemical regulation.

The organizations now look to the Senate, with the hope that it will move a TSCA bill forward, to conference, and to Presidential signature.
Sincerely,

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