



July 2, 2015

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.

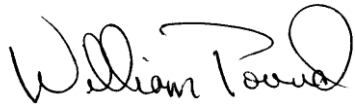
ECOS and NCSL have offered state input on TSCA reform over several years and have organizational positions on the need for comprehensive reform. Both organizations commend the full House for its vote to improve one of our nation's principal chemical study and regulation laws.

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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