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HCPA Requests Action on Tariffs from the Texas Congressional Delegation

WASHINGTON, DC – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) has written the Texas Congressional Delegation requesting action on tariffs. The recently-announced Sec. 301 tariffs on imports from China will have wide-reaching negative consequences on the household and commercial products industry and will specifically affect the Texas-based manufacturing sector.

"It seems as though the Chinese government has specifically targeted products exported by Texas companies so as to stir economic and political conflict in this geographic region," said Steve Caldeira, HCPA President & CEO. "In addition to letters sent to the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. State Department, on behalf of HCPA, we have written the Congressional Delegation of the State of Texas to request they assert oversight authority over the Administration's tariff and trade policies to mitigate the economic threat to the chemical industry in Texas."

The broader chemical manufacturing industry has a large presence in Texas, and the retaliatory tariffs announced by the Chinese government in response to the U.S. Sec. 301 tariffs on Chinese imports threaten to disrupt supply chains throughout the industry, causing widespread economic damage to Texas-based chemical manufacturers.

The list of U.S. products that the Chinese government plans to tariff includes cleaning agents, polymers (such as polyethylene and polypropylene), lubricants, hydrocarbon solvents, and other crucial components of household and commercial products that U.S. and Texas-based companies export around the world.

If you are a Texas-based manufacturing facility that will be affected, we encourage you to reach out and share your concerns with Owen Caine, Executive Vice President, Government Relations & Public Policy, HCPA, at ocaine@thehcpa.org.

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About HCPA

The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that make and sell \$180 billion annually of products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.