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HCPA Signs on to Two Letters in Opposition of the Section 301 List 3 Tariffs on Chinese Imports

WASHINGTON, DC – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) has signed on to two letters that were sent to the United States Trade Representative (USTR), Robert Lighthizer, expressing opposition to the Section 301 List 3 tariffs on Chinese imports. The September 5 letter has the support of suppliers and manufacturers of personal care and household products, and the September 6 letter is supported by over 100 trade associations.

“HCPA’s support of these letters symbolizes our ongoing dedication and commitment to creating a common-sense business environment for our members that make and sell household and commercial products,” said Steve Caldeira, HCPA President & CEO. “To protect our industry, it is necessary that the U.S. government put forth every effort to expedite a negotiation with China that is independent of tariffs and maintains a healthy relationship with America’s largest trading partner.”

“These tariffs particularly burden small- and medium-sized businesses that are often leaders in American innovation, but frequently operate on small profit margins. Businesses like these are an accurate reflection of many HCPA member companies, and the household and commercial products industry cannot afford to absorb the cost of these tariffs.”

“Simply doing business elsewhere is not always an option. These transitions take time and research, and a rushed shuffling of suppliers could result in unexpected consequences and is often not feasible.”

“HCPA calls on the Administration to negotiate a long-term solution with the Chinese government that does not rely on tariffs but helps foster free and fair trade.”

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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.