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Household & Commercial Products Association Condemns Tariffs— Urges President Trump to Avoid Raising Cost of Consumer Product Aerosol Packaging

WASHINGTON, DC – The Household & Commercial Products Association today sent a letter to President Trump, condemning the tariffs on imported aluminum and steel, and urging the administration to avoid raising costs of consumer product aerosol packaging. Read the full letter here.

“This tariff is a tax on consumer product manufacturers that use aluminum and steel to make and package their products,” said Steve Caldeira, Household & Commercial Products Association President & CEO. Any disruption in the market will significantly increase costs to consumer product manufacturers as aluminum and steel customers. Combined across industries, this tax will potentially cost American manufacturers billions of dollars, lead to the loss of jobs and raise the prices of the everyday products millions of consumers rely on every day.”

“HCPA members make and sell \$180 billion annually of products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments, many of which rely on aerosol technology,” said Caldeira. “Tariffs on aluminum and steel will artificially raise the cost of aerosol packaging, and thus the cost of aerosol consumer products. This action will also decrease access to the best quality materials, slow innovation and negatively impact aerosol can and component manufacturers, and the household and commercial products industry that supports 200,000 jobs.”

Aerosol manufacturing is an American stalwart, with more than 90 percent being manufactured by and sold to American companies. Nearly all these products use either aluminum or steel. HCPA analysis reports that in 2016, United States manufacturers produced 3.02 billion steel containers, 811 million aluminum containers and 3.72 billion valves to fill 3.75 billion aerosol products. The aerosol industry clearly relies on high-quality imported steel and aluminum to produce the containers and valves essential to the safety and performance of the finished aerosol products.

“Imported aluminum used to make aerosol packaging and consumer products is clearly not a threat to national security, therefore, we respectfully urge the Administration to reconsider these tariffs that will unnecessarily increase costs to American aerosol and consumer product manufacturers,” said Caldeira. “We truly respect and support President Trump’s efforts to protect American jobs, however, it is critical that any tariffs be laser focused on protecting national security, not taxing the materials product manufacturers use to package everyday products that are integral to the daily lives of the American people.”

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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.