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HCPA Applauds U.S. Senate Passage of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act (PRIEA) and Urges Quick Action from the House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, DC – The Household & Commercial Products Association applauds the unanimous consent passing of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act (PRIEA), also known as PRIA 4, by the U.S. Senate.

“On behalf of the household and commercial products industry, we thank the U.S. Senate for passing this vital piece of legislation,” said Steve Caldeira, HCPA President & CEO. “PRIEA has always had strong bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress, and HCPA respectfully urges the House to act quickly on this bill to ensure that the EPA receives proper funding to conduct timely reviews of new and innovative pesticide products. Congress understands that it would be hard-pressed to find a more cost-effective, sustainable and efficient way to review the safety of these increasingly-important products.”

“As the voice of the industry, HCPA worked collaboratively with policymakers on both sides of the aisle in both chambers, as well as with NGOs, allied trade associations and the media, to make it clear that failing to reauthorize PRIEA would have disastrous consequences for consumers, workers and businesses. PRIEA supports the products that help keep families and workplaces safe, clean and healthy - the products that are their first line of defense against the spread of bacteria, the flu virus and insect-borne diseases like West Nile, Zika and Lyme disease. PRIEA reauthorization will create certainty for manufacturers, strengthen confidence in the program, and ensure that investment in new products continues, protecting both consumers and jobs.”

The original legislation, H.R. 1029, passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a voice vote March 2017, and will now return to the House for an additional and final vote.

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About HCPA

The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture 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. Our mission is to protect, promote and enhance the household and commercial products industry and the lives of the consumers and workers who use our members’ products.