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## **HCPA Calls on Congress to Put Partisan Politics Aside and Authorize PRIA**

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Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is disappointed and perplexed that Congress has neglected to reauthorize, or even extend, the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (PRIA III) in the current appropriations package.

“HCPA is clearly disappointed and quite frankly perplexed that Congress has been unable to pass this non-controversial and essential law that has traditionally earned unanimous bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Congress’s continued inaction on PRIA is a significant loss for the small business owners, consumers and workers who rely on the vital PRIA registration process,” said HCPA President & CEO Steve Caldeira. “The lack of a clear path to PRIA reauthorization has undercut confidence in the program, therefore Congress must put partisan politics aside and reauthorize PRIA. It’s time to do what’s right for the health and safety of the American public.”

“To that end, the prudent next step for Congress is to promptly pass S.483, a measure introduced yesterday by Senators Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Tom Udall (D-N.M.), to reauthorize PRIA under the bipartisan agreement reached in the previous Congress. This bill will enable the EPA to effectively carry out its mission to protect human health and the environment.”

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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 to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.