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HCPA Looks to House to Swiftly Reauthorize PRIA After Unanimous Passage in the Senate

Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) respectfully asks the U.S. House of Representatives to swiftly reauthorize the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (PRIA III) under the bipartisan agreement reached in the previous Congress and unanimously passed by the U.S. Senate as S.483 on February 14, 2019.

“On behalf of the household and commercial products industry, we would like to thank Senators Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Tom Udall (D-N.M.) for introducing and the U.S. Senate for promptly and unanimously passing, S.483, and now we are looking at the House to do the same,” said HCPA President and CEO Steve Caldeira. “PRIA has always had strong bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress, and HCPA respectfully urges the House to act quickly 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 PRIA would have disastrous consequences for consumers, workers and businesses. PRIA 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. PRIA reauthorization will create certainty for manufacturers, strengthen confidence in the program, and ensure that investment in new products continues, protecting both consumers and jobs.”

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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.