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HCPA Commends the EPA for Decisive Efforts to Eliminate Animal Testing by 2035

Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) commends the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its significant efforts to reduce and avoid animal testing. In [a memo signed by Administrator Wheeler](#), the agency announced its plans to reduce the number of studies that involve animals by 30 percent by 2025 and eliminate the practice completely by 2035. This decision was made after long-term collaborative efforts from a diverse set of stakeholders, which HCPA is and will continue to be a partner of. As part of these efforts, the EPA awarded \$4.25 million in funding to Johns Hopkins University, Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Oregon State University and the University of California Riverside to research the development and use of alternative test methods.

“We completely agree and support the EPA’s efforts to reduce animal testing while continuing protection of human health and the environment,” said Dr. Steve Bennett, Senior Vice President of Scientific Affairs at HCPA. “The technology and science to develop alternative ways of evaluating the toxicity of chemicals exists and having the leadership and commitment from the EPA will accelerate their adoption for the benefit of all.”

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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.