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## HCPA Commends the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee for Unanimously Passing the Sustainable Chemistry R&D Act

Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) released the following statement today, attributed to Steve Caldeira, President and CEO of HCPA, after the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation unanimously passed <u>S. 999</u>, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development (R&D) Act. The bill directs the Office of Science and Technology Policy to organize an interagency entity that is responsible for coordinating federal programs and activities in support of sustainable chemistry.

"As one of the lead advocates, HCPA was proud to support the Sustainable Chemistry R&D Act and applauds the Committee for passing this important legislation. Sustainable chemistry is focused on conserving resources and minimizing the use of hazardous substances in chemical processes – a change consumer and commercial customers have been increasingly seeking from manufacturers. This bill will help spur innovation in chemical technologies, which will be beneficial for consumers and the household and commercial products industry, as well as the U.S. economy.

HCPA would like to thank Senators Capito (R-WV), Collins (R-ME), Coons (D-DE) and Klobuchar (D-MN) for sponsoring the bill, and Chairman Wicker (R-MS) and Ranking Member Cantwell (D-WA) for their support in ensuring the bill made it through the committee process and now heads to the Senate floor. HCPA would also like to recognize the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for their unanimous support of S.999's House companion bill, H.R.2051, which passed out of committee on October 17."

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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.