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## HCPA Wins 2022 EPA Safer Choice Partner of the Year Award

Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is proud to announce that it has received a 2022 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Safer Choice Partner of the Year Award. The Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards recognize the contributions of Safer Choice partners and stakeholders who have shown outstanding achievement in the design, manufacture, selection, and use of products with safer chemicals. This is the seventh time in eight years that HCPA has received this honor.

"We are incredibly proud to be recognized once again as an EPA Safer Choice Partner of the Year," said Steve Caldeira, President & CEO, HCPA. "The Safer Choice program is an invaluable resource that helps consumers and workers identify products that possess an exemplary environmental, health, and safety profile. Not only do our member companies formulate and manufacture products that meet the Safer Choice standard, but the Association has been – and continues to be – a strong champion of the program through member communications, consumer and trade media outreach, and advocacy efforts. Most significantly, we organized a successful coalition of diverse stakeholders to advocate for and restore the Safer Choice program when its existence was threatened by an Agency reorganization. It is with immense gratitude that we accept this award and support the Safer Choice program."

HCPA would like to congratulate member companies Bona US, Church & Dwight Co., Jelmar, Novozymes North America, PurposeBuilt Brands, Reckitt, The Clorox Company, and The Procter & Gamble Company, who also received 2022 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards.

Safer Choice is a voluntary EPA program that certifies products made with ingredients that are safer for people, pets, and the planet. Safer Choice products undergo careful evaluation against a stringent set of human health and environmental criteria, and a product can only carry the Safer Choice label if it contains those ingredients that pose the least concern among chemicals in their class. HCPA has consistently advocated for the Safer Choice program, educated member companies on the program requirements, and facilitated dialogue between the household and commercial products industry and the EPA.

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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 trusted and familiar 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.