

Partnership for the Future of EPA Principles of Engagement

THE PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership for the Future of EPA (Partnership) is a joint initiative formed by the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) and the Environmental Working Group (EWG) in 2023 to advocate for adequate funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The coalition's goal is to educate policymakers about the functions of the EPA, as well as serve as a resource for information about the Agency's responsibilities, economic impact, and organizational needs.

THE COMMITMENT

The Partnership is dedicated to bringing together entities that are accustomed to engaging lawmakers about policy matters but represent varying positions of support and opposition. The overarching pledge for the coalition's members is a dedication to preserving advocacy alignment and collegiality among a diverse group of stakeholders when collectively focusing on federal engagement.

THE GOALS

- Educate lawmakers and their staff about the scope of the EPA's responsibilities and serve as a resource for credible information for policymakers about the Agency's work streams.
- Engage the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, with an emphasis on the Subcommittee on Interior-Environment and Leadership in both chambers, to enhance their knowledge about the need for adequately funding the EPA.
- Focus on the Environmental Programs & Management accounts under which Toxics Risk Review & Prevention activities are funded to implement programs authorized under the Toxic Substances Control Act, including chemical risk evaluations and risk management actions for existing chemicals and review of new chemical submissions.
- Advocate for the modernization and maintenance of the EPA's Information Technology systems, through which the Agency can work to address system-wide management challenges and inefficiencies.
- Address staff shortfalls in EPA offices that are suffering from historically small numbers of trained personnel to administer increasingly complex chemical and pesticide submissions.
- Amplify Partnership priorities through in-person meetings, correspondence, and other means and committing to include two or more members representing industry and NGOs in all communications.
- Members will not use the coalition's platform to advocate for or against specific federal policy matters on which the Partnership members are not aligned.