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**HCPA Applauds the Introduction of Bipartisan Legislation to
Authorize the EPA’s Safer Choice Program**

This marks a major milestone in HCPA’s advocacy efforts to secure long-term viability for Safer Choice

Washington, D.C. — The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) applauds Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Jon Husted (R-OH) for introducing the [Safer Choice Program Authorization Act \(SCPAA\)](#), which would formally authorize the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Safer Choice program, providing support for one of the nation’s most successful voluntary certification and labeling initiatives.

“Delaware is a state of innovators. To continue that legacy, we need to give businesses and entrepreneurs every opportunity to deliver the best results for consumers and the environment,” said Senator Coons, Co-Chair of the Senate Chemistry Caucus. “This legislation provides long-term certainty for manufacturers so they can invest in safer chemistry, and so Americans can continue to lead in innovation.”

As a leading advocate for Safer Choice, HCPA has worked closely with lawmakers and industry stakeholders to advance legislation that would provide the program with a durable statutory foundation and sustainable funding. The introduction of the SCPAA marks a significant milestone in those efforts.

This legislation would establish Safer Choice in statute, direct the EPA to maintain and periodically update program standards through a transparent science-based process, preserve and strengthen the Safer Chemicals Ingredients List, and authorize dedicated funding to support its long-term success.

“HCPA has been a steadfast supporter of Safer Choice for many years because it demonstrates how government and industry can work together to advance innovation, transparency, and consumer confidence,” said Steve Caldeira, President & CEO, HCPA. “Through our longstanding partnership with the EPA, we have seen firsthand the value that Safer Choice delivers to users. We commend Senators Coons and Husted for their leadership and look forward to working with Congress to ensure this successful, science-based program has the statutory foundation and sustainable funding needed to continue driving progress for years to come.”

For more than two decades, Safer Choice has helped consumers, businesses, and institutional purchasers identify products formulated with safer chemical ingredients. Through its rigorous, science-based review process, the program has become a trusted tool for supporting the development of safer chemistries.

Support for authorizing the program extends across the business, environmental, and public health communities. A [joint sign-on letter](#) organized by HCPA, the American Sustainable Business Network (ASBN), the Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition, the American Cleaning Institute, Change Chemistry, the Consumer Brands Association, the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, and ISSA – The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association has garnered more than 100 signatures from diverse organizations. This broad coalition underscores the significant value that stakeholders place on maintaining a consistent federal framework that promotes sustainable product innovation, supports informed consumer choice, and strengthens confidence in safer chemistries.

“More than 100 businesses, trade associations, investors, healthcare purchasers, and public health organizations have signed on to a letter to Congress to authorize Safer Choice. ASBN is proud to stand with HCPA, the American Cleaning Institute, and the other organizations leading this effort,” said David Levine, Co-Founder and President at ASBN. “Authorizing the Safer Choice program protects a federally credible benchmark that businesses and consumers across the country depend on, and it gives U.S. manufacturers competing on safety and quality the respected standard that their consumers can trust. We’re grateful to Senator Coons and Senator Husted for their support.”

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