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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Whitehouse,

Our organizations are concerned that the Environment & Public Works Committee soon plans to mark up legislation to re-open and potentially weaken EPA's ability to protect public health under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

We ask that the Committee hold a hearing before any markup on this proposal. While the Committee held a hearing in March on a Discussion Draft amending TSCA, we believe that Members should have an opportunity to listen to expert testimony on the bill as introduced before any legislation advances to markup.

Moreover, the previous hearing primarily focused on witnesses representing the interests of the chemical industry and lacked significant public health and impacted community voices. The Committee has yet to hear from the full range of stakeholders who will be most affected and potentially harmed by chemicals that would be the result of industry-favored revisions to TSCA, including workers, fenceline communities, health-affected communities, states, scientists, health care professionals, and consumer and environmental organizations. These stakeholders offer a critical perspective on the real-world impact of any potential TSCA amendments and Members would benefit greatly from having the opportunity to hear their testimony and ask questions before deciding whether to advance legislation.

While industry lobbyists and their trade associations are pressuring members of Congress to re-open and weaken the recently strengthened law, the Committee should not rush forward to mark up any bill without providing the public with a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on the proposed legislation, and without considering the views of people whose health may be harmed.

The Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act of 2016 was the result of a more deliberative process undertaken by the EPW Committee over multiple Congresses. The Committee held numerous meetings with stakeholders as well as full committee and subcommittee hearings spanning several years and featuring a broad range of witnesses representing many points of view, expertise, and real-world experience. That process of stakeholder

engagement, consideration of a range of views, careful revision, and public transparency was fundamental to the improvement of TSCA.

The vast majority of Americans across party lines support more protections from toxic chemical exposure and more accountability from corporate polluters. For an issue of this magnitude and importance, we urge that you not rush to mark up a bill that has not been seen by the public nor received a hearing with opportunity for testimony or comment from all interested stakeholders. A fast-tracked process will not result in legislation that improves the EPA's ability to protect public health and the environment from toxic chemicals.

We urge the Committee to ensure that any proposed legislation to revise TSCA receives full and careful review and input from all interested parties.

Sincerely,

Alaska

- Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT)

Alabama

- Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama

Arkansas

- Learning Disabilities Association of Arkansas

Arizona

- Citizens for Smart Growth
- Don't Waste Arizona
- Stop Waste Tucson
- Tucson Forward
- Tucson's Environmental Justice Task Force

California

- 5 Gyres Institute
- A Voice for Choice Advocacy
- American Nurses Association - California
- BASEstud.io
- California Health Coalition Advocacy

- California Nurses for Environmental Health & Justice (CNEHJ)
- Californians Against Waste
- Clean Water Action California
- Climate Action California
- ECOS
- Educate. Advocate.
- Environmental Action Committee of West Marin
- FACTS Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety
- Fibershed
- Learning Disabilities Association of California
- Mothers Out Front
- Mothers Out Front California
- Non-Toxic Schools
- Orange County Coastkeeper
- Pacific Environment
- Pacific Environmental Advocates
- Parkinson's Orange County
- Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA)
- Plastic Free Future
- Regenesi
- San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Sierra Club Open Space Task Force
- The Last Plastic Straw

- The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence
- Turtle Island Restoration Network
- West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs

Colorado

- Eco-Cycle

Connecticut

- Clean Water Action Connecticut

Delaware

- Delaware Riverkeeper Network
- Mid Atlantic Alliance on Climate and Health
- Sierra Club Delaware Chapter
- Sussex Health & Environmental Network

District of Columbia

- Anacostia Riverkeeper

Florida

- Indian Riverkeeper
- Learning Disabilities Association of Florida

Georgia

- Georgia WAND Education Fund, Inc
- Girl Plus Environment
- Learning Disabilities Association of Georgia

Iowa

- Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa

Illinois

- Elevate
- Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois

Indiana

- Citizens Action Coalition of IN
- Henshel EnviroComm
- Indiana Conservation Voters

- Plastic Reduction Alliance

Kentucky

- Beyond Plastics Louisville
- Until Justice Data Partners

Louisiana

- Louisiana Just Recovery Network
- Micah Six Eight Mission
- RISE St. James Louisiana
- Vessel Project of Louisiana

Massachusetts

- Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
- MA Public Health Alliance
- Massachusetts Association for the Chemically Injured, Inc
- Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health
- Nantucket PFAS Action Group
- Resilient Sisterhood Project
- Sustainable Middleborough
- Your Turnout Gear and PFOA

Maryland

- Baltimore Green Space
- Clean Water Action Maryland
- Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland
- Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network

Maine

- Defend Our Health
- Friends of Casco Bay
- Learning Disabilities Association of Maine
- Penobscot Bay Waterkeeper

Michigan

- Ecology Center
- Flow Water Advocates
- Great Lakes PFAS Action Network
- Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan
- Michigan Environmental Council

Minnesota

- Alliance for Mission-Based Recycling
- Clean Water Action Minnesota
- Eureka Recycling
- Learning Disabilities Association of Minnesota

Mississippi

- Cherokee Concerned Citizens

New Hampshire

- Learning Disabilities Association of New Hampshire
- Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water

New Jersey

- Camden for Clean Air
- Clean Water Action New Jersey
- Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey

New Mexico

- Clean Air for All Now!

New York

- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- Citizens Campaign for the Environment
- Clean Air Action Network
- Clean Air Coalition of Western New York
- Clean+Healthy
- Environmental Advocates NY
- GreeningUSA
- HabitatMap
- Hudson Riverkeeper
- Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition
- Learning Disabilities Association of New York
- Moms for a Nontoxic New York (MNNY)
- New York League of Conservation Voters
- New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)
- New York Sustainable Business Council
- Newburgh Clean Water Project
- Peconic Baykeeper
- PfoaProject NY

- Physician and Scientist Network Addressing Plastics and Health (P-SNAP)
- Seneca Lake Guardian
- Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter
- Waterkeeper Alliance
- Zero Waste Ithaca

North Carolina

- Clean Cape Fear
- Deep River Riverkeeper
- EarthCare Group of PCUSA
- North Carolina Conservation Network
- SouthWings
- Toxic Free North Carolina
- West End Revitalization Association (WERA)

Ohio

- FreshWater Accountability Project
- Learning Disabilities Association of Ohio

Oklahoma

- Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma

Oregon

- 350 Salem Oregon
- APANO Action Fund
- Beyond Toxics
- HelloCare
- Neighbors for Clean Air
- Northwest Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine
- Oregon Environmental Council
- Oregon Just Transition Alliance
- Our Children Oregon
- Tualatin Riverkeepers

Pennsylvania

- Breathe Project
- Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water
- Clean Air Council
- Learning Disabilities Association of Pennsylvania
- Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania

- Pittsburghers Against Single Use Plastics (PASUP)
- Three Rivers Waterkeeper
- Women for a Healthy Environment

Rhode Island

- Childhood Lead Action Project
- Clean Water Action Rhode Island
- Save The Bay
- Zero Waste Providence

South Carolina

- Learning Disabilities Association of South Carolina

Tennessee

- Memphis APRI

Texas

- Air Alliance Houston
- Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC)
- Coastal Watch Association
- Fenceline Watch
- Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
- Learning Disabilities Association of Texas
- PODER
- San Antonio Bay Waterkeeper
- Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services

Utah

- Learning Disabilities Association of Utah

Virginia

- Learning Disabilities Association of Virginia

Vermont

- Vermont Conservation Voters
- Vermont Natural Resources Council
- Vermont PFAS and Military Poisons Coalition
- Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Washington

- Afghan Health Initiative
- Orca Network
- Puget Soundkeeper
- RE Sources
- Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition
- Twin Harbors Waterkeeper
- West Plains Water Coalition

West Virginia

- Appalachian Mountain Advocates
- West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Wisconsin

- Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB)
- Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Riverkeeper
- Save our Water SOH2O

National Organizations

- Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
- American Public Health Association
- American Sustainable Business Network
- Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
- Between the Waters
- Beyond Plastics
- Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
- Center for Environmental Health
- Center for Oil & Gas Organizing
- Center for Public Environmental Oversight
- CHIPS Communities United

- Clean Water Action
- **CleanEarth4Kids.org**
- Climate Justice Alliance
- Community Action Works
- Conservation Law Foundation
- Consumer Reports
- Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
- Earthjustice Action
- Environmental Working Group
- EDF Action
- FracTracker Alliance
- Friends of the Earth
- Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)
- Global Observatory on Planetary Health, Boston College
- Green Science Policy Institute
- GreenLatinos
- Greenpeace USA
- Habitable
- Habitat Recovery Project
- Healthy Babies Bright Futures
- Hip Hop Caucus
- Immaculate Heart Community Environmental Commission
- Just Zero
- League of Conservation Voters
- Learning Disabilities Association of America
- Moms Clean Air Force
- Mothers Out Front
- National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
- National Association of School Nurses
- National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

- National PFAS Contamination Coalition
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- Partnership for Policy Integrity
- People Over Petro Coalition
- People Over Pollution
- Plastic Pollution Coalition
- Public Citizen
- RootsAction
- Rural Nurse Organization
- Safer States
- Science and Environmental Health Network
- Sierra Club
- Society of Latinx Nurses
- Southern Environmental Law Center
- The Story of Stuff Project
- Toxic-Free Future
- WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- Weaving Voices for Health & Justice
- Young, Gifted & Green

International

- 7th Generation Advisors
- Break Free From Plastic
- Clean Beauty for Black Girls
- Clean Production Action
- Inland Ocean Coalition
- International Campaign for Responsible Technology
- Move Past Plastic (MPP)
- Pesticide Action and Agroecology Network
- The Plastics & Climate Project