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Representative John Shimkus, Chair
House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy
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Representative Fred Upton, Chair
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Representative Paul Tonko, Ranking Member
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Representative Henry Waxman, Ranking Member
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Regarding the Chemicals in Commerce Act Discussion Draft

Dear Representatives Shimkus, Upton, Tonko, and Waxman,

On behalf of Moms Clean Air Force I am writing in strong opposition to the Chemicals in Commerce Act (CICA) discussion draft that was released on February 27th. Moms Clean Air Force is a national community of moms, dads, grandparents, and others who are fighting for our kids' right to clean air. We harness the passion and power of our 200,000 members to fight back against polluters with mother love. Reform of the outdated and ineffective Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) is one of the priorities of moms across the nation, and also of our organization.

The CICA discussion draft undermines public health and takes a step backward from protecting pregnant women and children from exposure to toxic chemicals in consumer products. CICA does nothing to prevent untested and unsafe chemicals from entering our products, our air, and our bodies. As parents, we are disappointed to see our children's health so flagrantly ignored.

The CICA language focuses on increasing the confidence of Americans in chemical safety. What happened to increasing actual chemical safety? Instead of protecting the profits of the chemical

industry, moms and dads across the nation are asking for the ability to protect our families from unsafe chemicals and the numerous diseases – such as asthma, childhood leukemia, childhood brain cancer, learning and developmental disabilities, and infertility – linked to those chemicals.

Here are just a few examples of what CICA would do – and why Moms Clean Air Force opposes this discussion draft:

- CICA would make it almost impossible for EPA to require health information for new chemicals before they are sold on the market, brought into our homes, and end up in the bodies of our children.
- CICA would significantly roll back EPA’s authority to restrict the use of existing chemicals in products.
- CICA would contradict the recommendations of the National Academy of Science and the American Academy of Pediatrics for how chemical safety should be reviewed.
- CICA would require EPA to weigh the economic benefits of a chemical against whether it causes birth defects, cancer, autism, or infertility.

In short, CICA would weaken what little authority EPA already has to protect the health of moms, babies, and children from exposure to toxic chemicals in consumer products. On behalf of our 200,000 plus members, I urge you to craft legislation reforming TSCA that would truly put children’s health first.

Sincerely,



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Co-Founder and Senior Director

Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF) is a community of 200,000 parents dedicated to clean air and healthy kids. MCAF harnesses the strength of parents’ love to take action against polluters for the health of their children and future generations.

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