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Chemistry Caucus Co-chairs Praise Bipartisan Agreement on the Biggest Overhaul of U.S. Chemistry Safety Laws in 40 Years

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Reps. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) and John Moolenaar (MI-4), co-chairs of the recently formed Congressional Chemistry Caucus, issued the following statement after lawmakers announced that a bipartisan agreement has been reached on the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

"As the co-chairs of the House Chemistry Caucus, we have been strong proponents of Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reform throughout the legislative process and are excited that the House-Senate agreement improves the current TSCA law. We are pleased to support this reform legislation and encourage others to do so. The agreement is supported by both the chemical industry and environmental organizations. All sides have come together to find common ground and compromise in this legislation.

"TSCA is a vital law that will ensure that the new chemicals and materials developed every day will not have a toxic effect on human health. We are pleased that the new agreement will bring stricter scrutiny for new chemicals and a reasonable balance for states in the review process. Chemistry is vital for our quality of life and economic growth, and reforming TSCA is essential to guaranteeing that the chemical and materials industry in the U.S. will continue to grow in a manner consistent with our human health and environment."

The TSCA legislation is expected to be on the House floor this week. The bipartisan Congressional Chemistry Caucus has 25 members from the House of Representatives.