



May 20, 2016

The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment and
the Economy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Environment and
the Economy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

On behalf of IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries—and our 2,200 members in the United States that represent all facets of the global electronics manufacturing industry, including design, printed board manufacturing and electronics assembly—we thank you for your leadership to modernize our nation’s chemicals laws with the “Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act.”

Our industry strongly supports the goal of improving our nation’s chemical management through reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). In particular, we applaud your efforts that **strengthen federal preemption and include language addressing the TSCA burdens on byproducts sent for recycling**. A single, uniform, and scientific-based standard through preemption helps our industry with interstate commerce. Also, reducing reporting burdens on recycled byproducts will help remove the disincentive created by the requirement that companies report such byproducts as new chemicals under TSCA when they are sent for recycling, but not when they are discarded.

IPC appreciates the thoughtful bipartisan approach that you have taken on this landmark legislation and we look forward to celebrating its passage and enactment into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mitchell", written in a cursive style.

Dr. John Mitchell
President & CEO