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**Special Thanks to Prime Minister and Ministers of Health and the Environment**

**September 20, 2018, Ottawa, Ontario** - As the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association hits 60 years of age, CCSPA and our many member companies want to take a special moment to thank Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health and The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, for their very kind words on our anniversary. As the Prime Minister generously mentions in his note: "This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of the CCSPA, to celebrate its many achievements and to set goals for the future."

Our Association has always been a leader in consumer safety, as Minister McKenna correctly points out; "For 60 years, the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association has played a key role in the policies that impact the lives of all Canadians." For 60 years our mission has been to enhance the ability of member companies to conduct business effectively by fostering industry and government cooperation, advocating for fair and science-based policies and laws, promoting industry-wide environmental sustainability initiatives and providing a national voice for communications to all stakeholders.

The health and safety of Canadians and our environment must be protected. CCSPA and our member companies are leaders in the responsible use of chemicals for consumer and institutional products in Canada. We are committed to an ongoing process of continual improvement, and we thank Minister Petitpas Taylor for her supportive comments: "The CCSPA's active participation on a number of Health Canada stakeholder committees over the years, including the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System Current Issues Committee, the Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Council, and the Pest Management Advisory Council, has had a positive impact in advancing Health Canada's work to protect and promote the health and safety of Canadians."

For 60 years, we have and will continue to wholeheartedly commit ourselves to Canada's environmental, health and safety wellbeing, recognizing that stewardship, in part, is in our hands, and that future generations will ultimately pass judgment on our work.

**About Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association** ([www.ccspace.org](http://www.ccspace.org)): CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 35 member companies across Canada, collectively a \$20 billion industry directly employing 12,000 people in over 87 facilities. Our companies manufacture, process, package and distribute consumer, industrial and institutional specialty products such as soaps and detergents, pest control products, aerosols, hard surface disinfectants, deodorizers and automotive chemicals.

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