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Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) acknowledges proactive legislative amendments tabled today by Government - Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act

On behalf of the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) Member Companies, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Minister Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, on the introduction of the ***Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act***. We join him and Minister Hajdu in our collective continuing commitment to ensure that the health and safety of Canadians is always the number one priority.

The Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act will codify current best practices and policies – and underscores that every Canadian has the right to a healthy environment.

The *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA) continues to prove itself as progressive, adaptable, and world-leading legislation. CEPA and the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) under CEPA are recognized around the world as role models. Under CEPA, approximately 4,300 priority commercial substances have been prioritized for risk assessment and, if needed, risk managed. In today's announcement, CEPA can continue to address risk assessment and risk management priorities based on sound science; and it has untapped potential and flexibility for development and implementation of additional modern policies, tools, and regulations.

In Canada, consumers benefit from a myriad of risk-based, scientific laws and regulations that ensure consumer products are labelled with the appropriate cautionary statements and symbols. The ingredients in our products are governed by Canada's world leading Chemicals Management Plan, which assesses all the chemistry we use to keep our homes clean and free from disease. Today, the proposal is to have dialogue and consultations with all Canadians on how information about products is disseminated. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Federal Government to modernize CEPA and continue to ensure that Canadian consumers have safe and beneficial products available.

CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 35 member companies in 87 facilities across Canada. 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. We are a \$20 billion industry directly employing over 12,000 people, with annual exports of \$1 billion. CCSPA also provides an excellent website – a one-

stop source of information for Canadians about our products and their benefits – at <http://www.healthycleaning101.org/>.

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