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XPSA Statement on the Passage of TSCA Reform

Congress successfully reformed the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and it was signed into law by President Obama on Wednesday, June 22nd. The Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association (XPSA) commends the passage of this legislation as a welcome move in modernizing our country's primary chemical safety law to meet the needs of 21st century scientific advancements.

TSCA demonstrates that industry and Congress can come together to work toward a common objective. Like many other affected industries, the extruded polystyrene (XPS) foam insulation industry has always been, and continues to be, committed to the formulation and use of novel chemicals that meet rigorous international building and fire safety codes and standards. That is why XPS foam insulation has been safely used in walls and ceilings for decades, and continues to significantly improve a building's energy efficiency and performance durability.

Thanks to efforts by industry leaders, chemical stakeholders, and legislators, we have the regulatory certainty needed to continue to innovate, grow, create jobs, and win in the global marketplace — while at the same time providing benefits to public health and the environment from strong risk-based protections. XPS manufacturers are constantly innovating for the future by identifying the next generation of XPS foam insulation, making it a sustainable and energy efficient choice for designers. We are confident that TSCA reform will help continue to build U.S. consumer assurance in the materials they choose to use or come in contact with every day.