

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 13, 2016

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Pallone:

Thank you for shouldering the hard work of enacting TSCA reform. We write, however, because we are concerned that the animal testing language is still not reconciled, and to urge your support for language offered by Senate negotiators that will reduce animal testing for chemical safety testing and place a priority on newer, more cost-effective, and reliable methods.

We understand that the core elements of that language have the broad support of Senate Democrats and Republicans and also the Environmental Working Group, Environmental Defense Fund, Consumer Specialty Products Association, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Humane Society Legislative Fund, and The Humane Society of the United States. It is also in line with the chemical regulation policies of foreign governments such as the European Union.

The final requested changes ensure that existing information is used before more testing is requested; that tests that also replace, and not just reduce, animal tests are considered; and finally, that industry consider non-animal approaches when performing testing prior to submitting an application to EPA.

We hope you will consider accepting these edits, and continue your great work to achieve a successful, broadly supported bill.

Sincerely,



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress



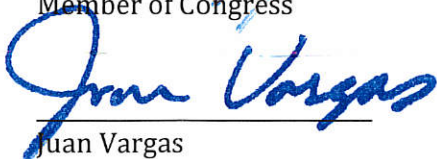
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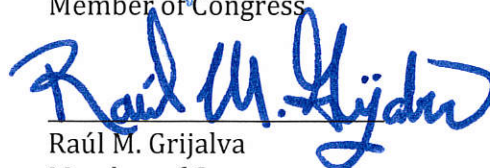
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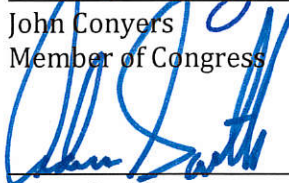
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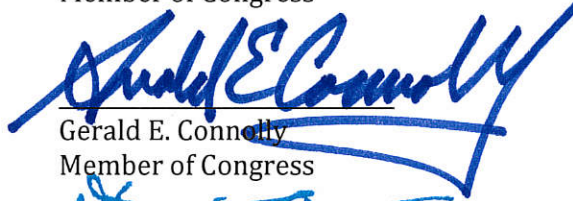
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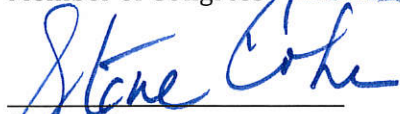
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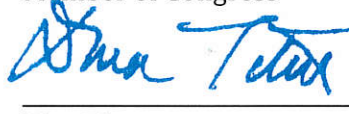
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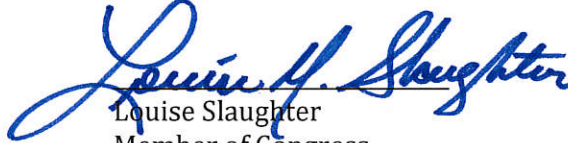
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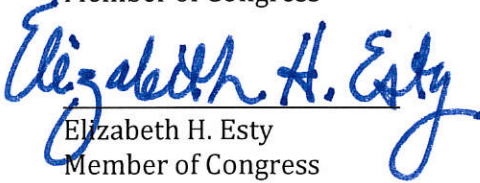
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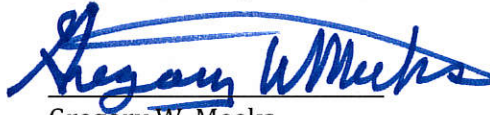
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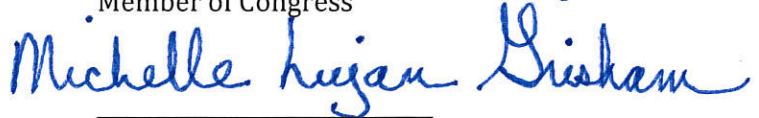
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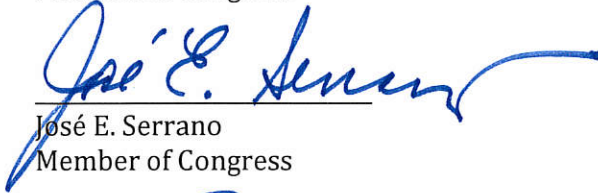
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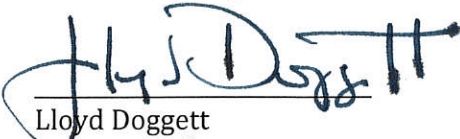
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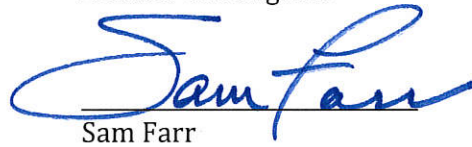
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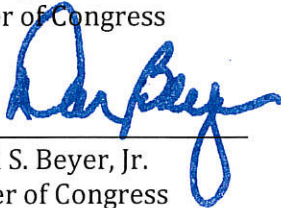
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