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ASC Pushes for Bipartisan TSCA Reform

Council Meets with Office of Senator Tom Carper

February 13, 2012 – Bethesda, MD – The Adhesive and Sealant Council recently took its message regarding the need for a bipartisan solution to the reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to the office of Senator Tom Carper (D-DE). Senator Carper is a member of the Environmental and Public Works’ Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health, which has oversight of TSCA. The meeting was part of an effort by American Alliance for Innovation (AAI), a broad based coalition association interested in the chemicals management policy as regulated by TSCA, to educate legislators about the importance of the legislation keeping pace with advances in science and technology. ASC is a charter member of AAI.

In discussions with staff, it was emphasized that the complexity of TSCA will require that all concerned parties find common ground in modernizing legislation and that it is critical to do this in a timely manner in order to preempt efforts by states and local municipalities from introducing their own chemical regulatory efforts.

The meeting also emphasized that with the continuing push for bringing “greener” products to market, industry needs a modernized TSCA to assure that the breakthrough innovations they are creating are protected from foreign competition.

“ASC is continuing its commitment to its members to get the word out to legislators about the importance of establishing a modernized TSCA program,” said Mark Collatz, ASC’s Director of
Government Relations. “The meeting with Senator Carper’s staff was particularly compelling because of their involvement with this issue through their subcommittee participation.”

ASC Signs Joint Letter Urging Extension of 100% Bonus Depreciation through 2012

February 13, 2012 – Bethesda, MD – The Adhesive and Sealant Council joined with 116 associations in a letter urging House-Senate conferees to include 100 percent bonus depreciation through 2012 in H.R. 3630, the payroll tax extension bill.

The provision will allow businesses of all sizes to deduct 100 percent of the cost of capital investments made during this year and would spur much needed business investment and job creation.

“Bonus depreciation is simply a timing change that allows taxpayers a benefit now rather than later,” said Mark Collatz, ASC’s Director of Government Relations. “It draws bipartisan support and was included in the President’s American Jobs Act legislation that was introduced last fall.”

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