

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 23, 2014

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing on behalf of the American Alliance for Innovation (AAI) in support of H.R. 4012, the Secret Science Reform Act of 2014. AAI is a large and diverse coalition of trade associations representing a broad spectrum of the American economy, including businesses both large and small. Our organization represents many major industry sectors, all along the chemicals value chain, including aerospace, agriculture, apparel, automotive, building and construction materials, chemical and raw material production, consumer and industrial goods, distribution, electronics, energy, equipment manufacturers, food and grocery, footwear, healthcare products and medical technology, information technology, mining and metals, plastics, retail, and travel goods.

It is paramount that chemicals and metals producers, manufacturers, distributors, importers, users, and the public have confidence that regulatory decisions reached by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are grounded in transparent and reproducible science. Many of EPA's regulatory programs affect the sectors we represent, which is why we support your efforts to help the Agency advance its decision making process.

Ensuring that EPA utilizes high quality science and provides more clarity on how decisions are made will only increase their value, utility, and credibility for ensuring public safety. Improving the scientific quality and sharing of information underpinning EPA's decisions is critical to fostering a regulatory environment that will allow our members to continue to develop safe and cost-effective products on which Americans depend as part of their everyday life.

Furthermore, we believe the goal of this legislation is consistent with the Obama Administration's science integrity goals and will help EPA meet its obligation to protect human health and the environment.

We support the passage of this legislation and thank your Committee for its leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Chemistry Council
American Coatings Association
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Foundry Society
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Petroleum Institute
American Wood Council
Auto Care Association

Corn Refiners Association
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology
EPS Industry Alliance
Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association
Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries
National Association for Surface Finishing
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Pine Chemicals Association, Inc.
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Styrene Information and Research Center
The Fertilizer Institute
Treated Wood Council
Window & Door Manufacturers Association