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ASC Urges Bipartisan TSCA Reform Legislation

Council Meets with Offices of Senators Collins and Coons

February 2, 2012 – Bethesda, MD –The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) recently conveyed the following message to the staffs of Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Christopher Coons (D-DE): The U.S. Senate must find a bipartisan solution to the reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The meetings were 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 legislation keeping pace with advances in science and technology. ASC is a charter member of AAI.

In its discussions with both offices, the Council 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 to introduce their own chemical regulatory efforts.

ASC also pointed out that in any modernized TSCA legislation, intellectual property must remain protected. American manufacturers are continually seeking to develop new products through expensive research development efforts, which could be stifled unless confidential business information remains protected.

“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. “Giving everyone added confidence in the federal chemical management system is just another step forward in rebuilding the American economy.”

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The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) is a North American trade association dedicated to representing the adhesive and sealant industry. The Council is comprised of 117 adhesive and sealant manufacturers, raw material and equipment suppliers, distributors and industry consultants, representing more than 75% of the U.S. industry with operations around the world. Offering education, legislative advocacy, professional networking and business growth solutions for its members, the ASC is the center of knowledge and catalyst for industry growth on a global basis for manufacturers, suppliers and end-users. For more information about ASC, visit www.ascouncil.org.

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