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## **ACI and HCPA Joint Statement Regarding Litigation in Opposition to Unworkable New York State Ingredient Reporting Requirement**

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WASHINGTON, DC - On October 5, 2018, the American Cleaning Institute and Household & Commercial Products Association – representing the entirety of the combined supply chain of the products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting in homes and commercial environments – issued a joint statement regarding litigation recently filed as a result of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) refusal to work with affected stakeholders regarding its guidance on chemical reporting and disclosure entitled, “Household Cleansing Product Information Disclosure Program.” This statement should be attributed to Steve Caldeira, President & CEO of HCPA, and Melissa Hockstad, President & CEO of ACI.

“The household and commercial product supply chain has a solid record of providing expansive information on ingredients in our products. We support science-based ingredient transparency policies that provide meaningful information for consumers and workable implementation for manufacturers. Unfortunately, New York State’s regulation provides neither.”

“For more than two years, manufacturers have come to the table in New York with clear and reasonable concerns and a readiness to collaborate to arrive at a reasonable and sound policy solution. The NYSDEC has refused to work with affected stakeholders, violated important administrative procedure and exceeded its regulatory authority to release this unworkable and impractical regulation. This has created a situation where, as the voices of the cleaning, household and commercial product supply chain, ACI and HCPA have no recourse other than to file a lawsuit in opposition to this infeasible program.”

“The actions of the NYSDEC stand in stark contrast to the comprehensive and transparent effort on ingredient communication undertaken by the California legislature that led to the passage of the Cleaning Product Right to Know Act of 2017 that was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown.”

“The California Cleaning Product Right to Know Act is a carefully crafted compromise developed through intense NGO-industry stakeholder negotiations and generated an unprecedented coalition of support made up of over 100 organizations and corporations ranging from breast cancer prevention and clean water advocates to janitors and domestic workers to some of the world’s largest multinational cleaning product companies.”

“A consistent national model for ingredient communication is needed, and we respectfully urge the NYSDEC to retract this unworkable regulation and to work with all stakeholders towards our shared goal of safeguarding consumers and workers with responsible and understandable ingredient communication solutions.”