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## ACC STATEMENT ON CHICAGO LAW RESTRICTING BISPHEINOL A FROM CERTAIN CHILDREN'S BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

ARLINGTON, VA (May 13, 2009) – *In response to Chicago's new law restricting the sale, after 2010, of certain children's beverage containers containing bisphenol A (BPA), the American Chemistry Council (ACC) released the following statement:*

"This new Chicago law is contrary to the global consensus on the safety of BPA and ignores the expert evaluations of scientists and government bodies from around the world. These particular restrictions on the sale of baby bottles and sippy cups, intended for use by children under the age of three and which contain bisphenol A (BPA), are unwarranted.

"While ACC shares the city council's stated goal of protecting children's health we stand behind the FDA process. In February the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) stated: 'With regard to BPA generally, based on all available evidence, the consensus of regulatory agencies in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan is that the current levels of exposure to BPA through food packaging do not pose an immediate health risk to the general population, including infants and young children.' Within the last few months government agencies in France, Germany, Denmark, Australia and New Zealand all have issued statements concurring with the global consensus.

"ACC and its member companies that manufacture and use BPA are committed to providing the compounds and plastics that make possible a range of products that protect public health and safety. We have and will continue to develop scientific data to inform credible, transparent scientific assessments of BPA so that the public can have the confidence it deserves in the safety of these products.

"President Obama has called for a renewal of scientific integrity, stating 'science and the scientific process must inform and guide decisions...' We agree, and urge stakeholders, legislators and policy makers to support the FDA's process and its ongoing, comprehensive review of BPA. Decisions regarding the safety of consumer products should be based on the best available information and solid scientific evaluation."

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