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North American Metal Packaging Alliance Responds to House of Representatives Initiation of Investigation of BPA Uses

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The North American Metal Packaging Alliance (NAMPA) is aware of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce's and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations interest in the use of Bisphenol A (BPA), especially in product applications intended for use by infants and children. In light of recent media coverage challenging BPA's safety, NAMPA appreciates why the investigation has been initiated. NAMPA is confident that the House review will confirm the findings of countless other reviews and risk assessments conducted by independent third parties, each of which has supported the safety of BPA when used in food contact applications.

BPA is approved for use in direct contact with food by regulatory bodies around the world and have been used safely in food contact applications for over 60 years. BPA is one of the most extensively studied chemicals in use today, and its safety continues to be reaffirmed by risk assessments from around the world.

Over the last two years comprehensive risk assessments have been performed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the U.S. National Toxicology Program's Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction, and the Japanese National Institute for Advanced Industrial Science and Technology. Each of these assessments supports the use of BPA in direct contact with food. In its evaluation, the European Food Safety Authority gave special attention to infants and children. Even using very conservative assumptions, the European Food Safety Authority found that potential exposure to infants and children is well below the level that is safe to ingest daily over a lifetime.

NAMPA takes very seriously any safety issues related to metal packaging and has continued to follow the science around this issue. NAMPA welcomes any questions on metal packaging safety, and stands ready to support its downstream users and customers in responding to Congress' interest in the safety of our members' products.

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The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. is an organization whose objectives are to support risk-based regulations in North America; influence regulation in other geographies, provide customers with needed information regarding well-founded technologies, and advocate risk-based decision-making in technology decisions.