



Statement of the North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) in Response to Schumer Legislation/S. 753

NAMPA is disappointed that Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) has moved forward with the introduction of federal legislation to ban bisphenol A (BPA) in certain use applications. We believe that the proposed legislation is misguided and contradictory to the scientific expertise and integrity represented by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and scientific regulatory bodies in the European Union, Canada, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. Each of these esteemed international regulatory bodies has reviewed the scientific evidence on BPA and reached the conclusion that low levels of exposure to BPA do not pose a significant health risk to people.

Given that the U.S. FDA is at this time reviewing, again, the safety of BPA in food contact applications, we believe Senator Schumer's legislation is premature. Per President Obama's directive, the agency is keeping the politics out of science and will be issuing its decision in the near future. We urge Senator Schumer and his colleagues on Capitol Hill to do the same, and instead, to assess the merits of any concern with the use of BPA-based epoxy resins with the judgment issued by the U.S. FDA.

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The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. and its members support sound science and trust the scientific review process that has protected our food supply for decades. For further information, visit www.metal-pack.org.

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