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U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

U.S. Senator Susan Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Collins,

The Endocrine Society would like to thank you for introducing the Personal Care Products Safety Act. The Endocrine Society supports your effort to ensure that consumers are adequately protected from hazards associated with exposure to chemicals in personal care products.

Founded in 1916, the Endocrine Society is the world's oldest, largest, and most active organization dedicated to the understanding of hormone systems and the clinical care of patients with endocrine diseases and disorders. The Society's membership of over 18,000 includes researchers who are making significant contributions in a new area of science investigating interference with hormonal systems by manufactured chemicals, called endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs). We applaud the inclusion of propyl paraben, a potential EDC linked to reproductive system disorders, as one of the initial 5 chemicals for review.

Furthermore, we are encouraged that the legislation sets a rigorous safety standard for personal care products, and includes provisions to allow public access to product statements. In addition, by providing the necessary authority and fees for the FDA to properly regulate personal care products, we believe that this legislation will effectively and efficiently ensure a safe marketplace for personal care products and reduce harms from exposure to toxic chemicals such as EDCs.

The Endocrine Society is most appreciative of your leadership in this area, and we are pleased to endorse the Personal Care Products Safety Act. We would be happy to work with you in efforts to pass your legislation, and in other efforts to support public health. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by contacting Joseph Laakso, Associate Director of Science Policy at jlaakso@endocrine.org.

Sincerely,



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