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ICMAD SUPPORTS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SAFE COSMETICS MODERNIZATION ACT

Deer Park, IL; November 19, 2015- The Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and Distributors (ICMAD) association is proud to support legislation introduced today by U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), H.R.4075, The Safe Cosmetics Modernization Act.

H.R.4075 modernizes and improves the Food and Drug Administration's ability to assure the safety of cosmetic products by examining ingredient safety, establishing manufacturing processes and tracking and quickly addressing adverse health impacts from potentially unsafe products and requiring that all manufacturers be registered with the FDA. The bill will further allow the FDA to align its powers with that of our country's trading partners in the international market. The bill also meets consumer demand for distributing the best information on the safety of cosmetic products.

"This legislation increases consumer protections on cosmetics while allowing continued growth of small and entrepreneurial cosmetics enterprises in the US," said Pam Busiek, President and CEO of ICMAD. "The bill will empower these small businesses, who have been the source of product innovation and creativity in our industry, to compete on the national and international stage through national uniformity of regulation."

The US cosmetics industry is a \$56 billion contributor to the US economy and a strong export industry that supports American jobs.

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