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To: Representative Benjamin Nageak, Co-Chair

 Representative David Talerico, Co-Chair

 Members, House Resources Committee

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RE: **HB 14 - OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

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The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is a national trade association representing chemical and plastic manufacturers in the United States. Our members are committed to the safety of their products and to the protection of public health and the environment. To that end, our industry has implemented several programs aimed to reducing and eliminating marine debris by promoting the proper use, handling, recycling and recovery of these valuable materials. Information about these efforts can be found at [www.marinedebrissolutions.org](http://www.marinedebrissolutions.org).

This week, your committee will consider HB 14, legislation that would restrict the use of microbeads in cosmetics. ACC encourages your committee to adopt amendments to align HB 14 with existing law in Illinois, which is consistent with model language adopted by the Council of State Governments last year. ACC urges your committee to support the CSG model language so that a uniform and practical approach to this issue can be implemented nationally.

Thank you in advance for considering our views. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 448-2581 or via email at Tim\_Shestek@americanchemistry.com.