



February 23, 2016

The Honorable Mia Costello, Chair
Alaska Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capitol Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 111 – Follow-Up Information on USEPA Work Plan Chemicals Program

Dear Senator Costello:

As you may recall, my organization testified in opposition to SB 111, legislation that proposes to restrict the use of certain flame retardants in children's products and upholstered furniture. In my written comments, I alluded to the fact that flame retardants, like all chemicals are subject to review by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and other regulatory agencies around the world.

USEPA is currently conducting an updated review of a number of flame retardants under its "Work Plan Chemicals Program," including many that are listed in SB 111. As a follow-up to my testimony, I have taken the liberty of including a summary of that on-going chemical assessment process. You may be interested to know that one of the substances listed in SB 111 – antimony – has already been through the EPA review process and it was determined not to present a risk. Yet this proposed legislation ignores this important point.

Given these comprehensive assessments are already underway, ACC believes it would prudent for the State of Alaska to consider this information before advancing any new state level regulatory requirements on these substances. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to share this information. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 916-448-2581; tim_shestek@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ti Sh", followed by a horizontal line.

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