

Plastics Industry Association

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Increased Congressional Attention on Plastic

- Multiple Hearings this Congress including:
 - Subcommittees of the:
 - House Science Committee
 - House Appropriations Committee
 - House Natural Resources Committee
 - House Energy and Commerce Committee
 - House Oversight Committee
 - Senate Environment and Public Works Committee





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Relevant Federal Legislation

- ❖ RECOVER Act – H.R. 5115
- ❖ RECYCLE Act – S. 2941/HR 5906
- ❖ Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act - H.R.7728
- ❖ Save our Seas 2.0 – S.1982/HR 3969
- ❖ Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020 - S.3263/H.R. 5845





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Realizing the Economic Opportunities and Value of Expanding Recycling (RECOVER) Act – H.R 5115

- ❖ Introduced by Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA) and Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) November 15, 2019
- ❖ EPA Program would help fund recycling infrastructure programs throughout the country
- ❖ \$500 million over five years
- ❖ Currently in House Energy and Commerce Committee





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Recycling Enhancements to Collection and Yield through Consumer Learning and Education (RECYCLE) Act of 2019 – S. 2941/H.R. 5906

- ❖ Introduced by Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) and Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) on November 21, 2019
- ❖ House version introduced by Rep. Dean Philips (D-MN) and Rep. David Joyce (R-OH)
- ❖ Established an education program within the EPA to help consumers better understand and participate in recycling
- ❖ \$75 million over five years
- ❖ Senate version Currently in Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. House version in the Energy and Commerce Committee





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Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act – H.R. 7228

- ❖ Introduced by Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH) and others on June 15, 2020.
- ❖ Establishes the plastic waste and reduction research and development program
- ❖ Calls for a coordinate federal response through research and support of advanced technologies
- ❖ Currently within the House Science, Space and Technology Committee





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Save our Seas 2.0 Act – S. 1982/H.R. 3969

- ◉ Introduced by Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) June 26, 2019.
- ◉ House bill introduced by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Rep. Don Young (R-AK) July 25, 2019
- ◉ A follow up to Save our Seas Act from the last Congress addressing the issue of marine debris
- ◉ Expands federal governments ability to respond to and address marine debris events and encourages innovations to avoid such events
- ◉ Encourages the United States to be engaged on the international level to address marine debris
- ◉ Provides for some domestic infrastructure improvements
- ◉ Passed Senate by unanimous consent, awaiting action in the House





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Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020 - S.3263/H.R. 5845

- ❖ Introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) in the Senate and Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) in the House with multiple cosponsors, all Democrats
- ❖ Would ban many single use plastics, establish a national extended producer responsibility program and impose a moratorium on new plastic facilities while additional regulations are written
- ❖ Senate version currently in Senate Finance Committee as well as another version in Environment and Public Works Committee
- ❖ House version is in multiple committees



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Questions?

