

# INTRODUCING A PLAN FOR CONGRESS TO ACCELERATE A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR PLASTICS.

As America's Plastic Makers®, we understand the problem plastic waste poses for today and future generations. At the same time, we know that plastics play a critical role in our everyday lives. We're proposing a national and comprehensive strategy that ends plastic waste, improves recycling through innovation and creates a circular economy for plastics. That way, we can keep the plastics we need, while doing good for the environment.



## REQUIRE A 30% BY '30 NATIONAL RECYCLED PLASTIC STANDARD

Require all plastic packaging to include at least 30% recycled plastic by 2030 through a national recycled plastics standard.



## CREATE A MODERN REGULATORY SYSTEM TO DEVELOP A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR PLASTICS

Create a modern federal regulatory framework that rapidly scales advanced recycling and continues to grow mechanical recycling.



## DEVELOP NATIONAL RECYCLING STANDARDS FOR PLASTICS

Empower the EPA to develop a national recycling framework for plastics to help businesses, communities and families significantly increase plastic recycling.



## STUDY THE IMPACT OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ALL MATERIALS TO GUIDE INFORMED POLICY

Engage the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study that compares the GhG impacts of raw materials and use its findings to guide future policies.



## ESTABLISH AN AMERICAN-DESIGNED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY SYSTEM

Establish a producer responsibility system for packaging to help increase recycling access, collection and education for all materials, including plastics.

**There is unprecedented momentum globally for developing a circular economy that can benefit society and the environment. We hope policymakers and other key stakeholders will join us to enact comprehensive solutions that will help end plastic waste.**

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TO ACCELERATE A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR PLASTICS

# CREATE A MODERN REGULATORY SYSTEM TO DEVELOP A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR PLASTICS

A circular economy for plastics is one where used materials are recovered and recycled to make new products. America's Plastic Makers® know that this is crucial to eliminating plastic waste in the environment. That's why we're urging Congress to support innovations in advanced recycling technologies.

## \$120 BILLION-DOLLAR

economic opportunity directly connected to the commercialization of advanced recycling technologies.

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A circular economy for plastics depends on the nation's mechanical and advanced recycling efforts working together. A modern regulatory framework should:

Acknowledge the role of advanced recycling in creating a circular economy for plastic packaging.

Define advanced recycling as a manufacturing process and distinguishing it from solid waste disposal.

Recognize the ability of auditable third-party certification systems to verify production of recycled plastics by applying mass balance attribution principles.

Clarify that manufacturing processes that convert plastic to fuel products are not considered recycling.

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