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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

In Support of H.R. 4775, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I am pleased to offer the following letter of support for H.R. 4775, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016, which provides essential flexibility to improving air quality, and helps ensure continuing production at our member companies’ 45 US glass container manufacturing plants.

GPI is the North American trade association for glass container manufacturers, suppliers of raw materials, recycled glass, equipment and transportation to the industry, which directly employs over 20,000 Americans.

H.R. 4775 recognizes ongoing state efforts to improve air quality through a reasonable implementation schedule for the 2015 ozone standards, streamlines the air permitting process for businesses to expand their operations and create jobs, and includes other reforms that bring more regulatory certainty to federal air quality standards.

Our member companies are continuing their long-term efforts to incorporate even greater amounts of recycled glass in the production of glass food and beverage containers, which significantly reduces both energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

GPI would like to thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of, and support for H.R. 4775.

Sincerely,

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President