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**The Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and
Distributors and Professional Beauty Association
Support the Safe Cosmetics Modernization Act**

Prominent Beauty Trade Associations Actively Support H.R. 575

May 12, 2017; Deer Park, IL – The Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and Distributors ([ICMAD](#)) association and Professional Beauty Association ([PBA](#)) today announced their joint support for [H.R. 575](#), *The Safe Cosmetics Modernization Act*. The bill, a similar version of previous legislation, was reintroduced by Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, in January.

The two organizations—combined represent thousands of companies—cited enhanced consumer protection for cosmetics through stronger procedures and reporting requirements as a key reason for their support. They stressed that these more robust protocols would still ensure small and established cosmetic enterprises the ability to continue to grow in the United States.

“Safety is an essential component to all our members’ businesses and a top priority at ICMAD. This legislation promotes safety and a modern approach to regulation that won’t stifle our members’ ability to compete, innovate and grow,” said Pam Busiek, President and CEO of ICMAD. “We are proud to support H.R. 575 alongside the Professional Beauty Association.”

“Modern improvements to our industry’s regulatory system are essential to ensuring consumer safety,” said PBA Executive Director Steve Sleeper. “The professional Beauty Association supports this bill because we believe it will protect consumers and

positively support our members through its contemporary assessment of how to regulate our industry.”

The bill modernizes and improves the Food and Drug Administration’s ability to assure the safety of cosmetic products by, requiring all cosmetic manufacturing facilities that market cosmetic products in the US to register with the FDA and to adhere to manufacturing processes that insure cosmetics product safety and by tracking and quickly addressing adverse health impacts from potentially unsafe products and authorizes the FDA to create a national cosmetic data base. The bill will further allow the FDA to align its powers with that of our country’s trading partners in the international market. The bill also meets consumer demand for distributing the best information on the safety of cosmetic products.

ICMAD and PBA represent thousands of small and established cosmetic and personal care industry businesses in the United States. The U.S. cosmetic industry is a \$56 billion contributor to the U.S. economy and a strong export industry that supports American jobs.

About ICMAD

ICMAD, the Independent Cosmetic Manufacturers and Distributors association, has been the voice of independent cosmetic companies around the world since 1974. Offering innovative business tools, timely publications, educational programs, networking opportunities, and key advocacy support, ICMAD provides invaluable guidance and support for all facets of the independent cosmetic industry. Stay on top of the latest regulations and events with ICMAD online at www.icmad.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About PBA

The Professional Beauty Association is the largest and most inclusive trade organization representing the entire beauty industry. PBA exists to elevate, unify and serve the beauty industry and the professionals who improve people’s lives. Representing nearly 2,000 beauty-centric businesses, and more than 50,000 individuals, PBA members include manufacturers, distributors, salons, spas, schools, independent practitioners, students and industry suppliers.

In addition to advocacy, PBA provides its members with opportunities to save money on events and education, and access to industry research and resources. Committed to the long-term success of the stylist and the businesses that employ and support them, PBA is focused on enhancing the professionalism of the industry and committed to helping members achieve personal and professional excellence.