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United States House of Representatives
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Ranking Member Jan Schakowsky
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CC: Chairman Brett Guthrie and Ranking Member Frank Pallone
Members of the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

RE: *Recycled Materials Attribution Act (RMAA) (H.R. 7502) and the Packaging and Claims Knowledge Act (PACK) (H.R. 6832)*

Dear Representative Bilirakis and Representative Schakowsky,

On behalf of Nestlé USA, I write to thank you for your attention to packaging and recycling legislation that would provide much-needed clarity for consumers and producers in a rapidly evolving marketplace. We urge your support for **H.R. 7502**, the *Recycled Materials Attribution Act (RMAA)*, and **H.R. 6832**, the *Packaging and Claims Knowledge Act (PACK Act)*

Consumers and businesses face growing complexity and inconsistency as they seek to participate in and strengthen the circular economy. Unclear definitions of terms such as recyclable, compostable, and reusable - and insecurity about the credibility of related claims, undermine confidence and discourage participation. A clearer, more consistent federal framework would reduce consumer confusion, make recycling and reuse knowledge more transferable across jurisdictions, and provide the certainty needed to support continued investment in packaging innovation and recycling infrastructure.

The RMAA forwards a bipartisan solution to address inconsistent recycled-content and recycling-related marketing claims by establishing a more uniform, predictable, and evidence-based national framework. By clarifying key terms and directing updated federal guidance, the legislation would help reduce conflicting state-level interpretations that drive consumer confusion, increase compliance costs, and discourage investment in new and innovative recycling technologies. The RMAA would also provide a critical foundation for scaling

contaminant-free recycled packaging for food-contact applications, allowing greater circularity and strong food-safety protections to advance together.

Meanwhile, the PACK Act would reinforce this effort by establishing consistent standards for when packaging may be labeled recyclable, compostable, or reusable. Clear, uniform rules for consumer-facing claims would help ensure that those claims are accurate, transparent, and trustworthy, while giving manufacturers greater certainty as they design packaging and communicate with consumers. Common definitions are essential to reducing fragmentation across the nation's circular systems. They are also a critical first step toward creating a more consistent system in which consumers can apply the same knowledge wherever they live or travel, making participation easier and increasing overall system use.

Together, RMAA and the PACK Act would provide greater clarity across different stages of the packaging value chain. RMAA addresses how recycled materials and recycled-content claims are defined and attributed, while the PACK Act establishes standards for end-of-life claims communicated to consumers. Taken together, these federal frameworks would reduce consumer confusion, increase participation in circular systems, and advance greater packaging circularity while maintaining strong food-safety protections.

We again thank you for your commitment to discussing these solutions and urge you to support their movement through the Committee and full House.

Sincerely,

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