



March 3, 2006

The Honorable Paul E. Gillmor
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Draft Legislation to Implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the LRTAP POPs Protocol, and the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent

Dear Chairman Gillmor:

This letter expresses the support of the North American Metals Council (NAMC) for H.R. 4591, the bill you introduced that would implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), the LRTAP POPs Protocol, and the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent. NAMC is an unincorporated group formed to provide a collective voice for North American metals producers and users on science and policy-based issues that affect metals in a generic way. NAMC supports ratification of the Stockholm, LRTAP, and Rotterdam agreements and believes it should be done as soon as possible so that the United States will be among the countries that decide the processes for implementation of the treaties, including additions to the lists of substances covered by these instruments. H.R. 4591 would advance this goal while protecting U.S. interests by making sure that application of the conventions to parties in the United States is fully consistent with U.S. law and principles of sovereignty.

Please direct any questions to Jane Luxton, King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20006 (202-626-2627, jluxton@kslaw.com), counsel for NAMC.

Sincerely,

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North American Metals Council