

## Memorandum of Agreement Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) Supporting Membership

**WHEREAS**, there is increasing concern by consumers, businesses, and policy makers about the safety of chemicals in consumer products, and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to assess the hazards and risks posed by the use of toxic chemicals in products and to protect the environment and public health from these risks is obstructed by the lack of accessible and transparent information on the chemical content of consumer products, and

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need for increased access to comprehensive hazard, exposure, and use data on individual and categories of chemicals, and

**WHEREAS**, green chemistry and engineering provides economic opportunities for safer chemicals through development and assessment of alternatives, and

**WHEREAS**, a focus on chemical safety will spur a transformation in manufacturing sectors by fostering a green economy, new and safer jobs, and a renewed confidence in consumer products, and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration is a proven strategy to cost effectively reduce duplication of effort, enhance efficiency through information sharing and coordination; increase access to high quality information; build capacity; promote consistency in public policy; and promote federal action, and

**WHEREAS**, federal action should recognize, preserve, and support the authority of the state, local, and tribal governments to develop innovative cost-effective solutions to address challenges associated with toxics in the environment, including interstate and intergovernmental data sharing, and

**WHEREAS**, timely and preventative actions on toxic chemicals and potentially toxic chemicals are critical to effectively protecting the environment and public health, and

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**WHEREAS,** \_\_\_\_\_  
has demonstrated its commitment to increasing public access to credible, comprehensive, and transparent information on the chemical content of consumer products; green chemistry and engineering through the following actions:

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**THEREFORE,** \_\_\_\_\_  
supports the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) as a partnership of state, local, and tribal governments dedicated to advancing safer chemicals and products for a cleaner environment, healthy communities, and a vital economy. The Clearinghouse supports state, local, and tribal programs by:

- Reducing duplication and enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of initiatives on chemicals by facilitating inter-governmental collaboration;
- Building capacity to identify and promote safer chemicals and products;
- Ensuring that all levels of government, businesses, and the public have ready access to high quality and authoritative data, information, and assessment methods.

The undersigned business or organization agrees to join the IC2 as a Supporting Member and support and participate in IC2 activities.

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