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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

The recreational boatbuilding industry contributes more than \$230 billion to our nation's economy by supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs and tens of thousands of small businesses across the country. Ninety-five percent of boats sold in the United States are made in America, and Georgia is home to many manufacturers and small businesses that rely on the success of this industry. In addition to their contribution to local communities, boat manufacturers make vessels that contribute to homeland security, national defense, search and rescue operations, and more. That's why I write with urgency about action taken by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the final days of the Biden administration that threatens the viability of this uniquely American manufacturing industry.

In late 2024, Biden's EPA moved to make styrene a priority for risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Styrene is an organic compound used in the formulation of unsaturated polyester resins (UPR) for fiberglass-reinforced plastics and has been used safely in boatbuilding for 75 years. Manufacturers use fiberglass to make durable, high quality boat hulls, which was more difficult to achieve using wood or metal. An adverse determination under TSCA's review process that leads to onerous risk management standards, arbitrary restrictions, or a ban on styrene would wreak havoc on the recreational boating industry.

To keep domestic manufacturers competitive and small businesses vibrant, the previous administration's regulatory overreach must be corrected, and I urge the EPA to rescind its December 2024 decision as soon as possible. With China and other foreign interests continuously seeking to gain access to supply chains and increase market share in boatbuilding, time is of the essence.

I thank you and President Trump for your work to ensure federal agencies are putting America first. I look forward to working together to protect America's boat manufactures.

Sincerely,



Mike Collins
Member of Congress