

(July 11, 2007) Statement: H.R. 2850, the Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2007

STATEMENT ON THE AMENDMENT

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The amendment would help supply chain manufacturers to increase recycling, with the goal of reducing or even eliminating the use or generation of hazardous substances. Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Centers would assist in these efforts as they work to enhance the productivity and technological performance of U.S. manufacturers.

I firmly believe that by incorporating innovative recycling practices into their manufacturing processes, American industries will better position themselves to compete in the increasingly global marketplace. In addition, through the increased practice of recycling, our manufacturers will help to reduce the production of solid and hazardous waste, and improve our environment, and potentially lower greenhouse gas emissions and make our country more secure by lessening our need for foreign sources of energy.

I applaud Dr. Gingrey's work on this bill and am pleased that Chairman Gordon has worked toward its passage. I'd like to thank the Committee staff and Dr. Gingrey for working with me and accepting my amendment. I encourage all of my colleagues to support this amendment.

