

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Representative Alice M. Emmons, Chair  
Representative Charles “Butch” Shaw, Vice Chair  
Representative Terence Macaig, Ranking Member

**CC:** House Committee on Corrections and Institutions  
Vermont General Assembly

**FROM:** Jacob Cassady  
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**DATE:** January 22, 2020

**SUBJECT: OPPOSE H.486** – An act relating to a study of fragrances in State buildings

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The American Cleaning Institute® (ACI – [www.cleaninginstitute.org](http://www.cleaninginstitute.org)) is the Home of the U.S. Cleaning Products Industry® and represents the \$60 billion U.S. cleaning product supply chain. ACI members include the manufacturers and formulators of soaps, detergents, and general cleaning products used in household, commercial, industrial and institutional settings; companies that supply ingredients and finished packaging for these products; and chemical distributors. ACI serves the growth and innovation of the U.S. cleaning products industry by advancing the health and quality of life of people and protecting our planet. ACI achieves this through a continuous commitment to sound science and being a credible voice for the cleaning products industry.

Fragrance Creators Association (Fragrance Creators - [www.fragrancecreators.org](http://www.fragrancecreators.org)) is the principal trade association representing the U.S. fragrance industry. Our member companies create and manufacture fragrance for home care, personal care, fine fragrance, and industrial and institutional products. We also represent companies that market finished products containing fragrance as well as suppliers of fragrance ingredients, including natural extracts and other raw materials that are used in perfumery and fragrance mixtures. The fragrance industry is an important economic contributor, providing a myriad of jobs and investments in research and technology, while also promoting small business and farming communities in the United States and around the world.

### **ACI and Fragrance Creators Respectfully Oppose House Bill 486**

As described in House Bill 486, the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA) would be required to study whether the fragrance of cleaning products used to clean

State buildings impacts the health of employees or visitors and to provide a report on its findings to the House Committees on Government Operations and on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Institutions with findings and recommendations.

Sound, technical research has demonstrated the safe and beneficial use of cleaning products and their ingredients, including fragrance(s), when properly used. Ingredient information for cleaning products, including information for fragrance ingredients is available via manufacturer's website. The availability of this information renders the study, as proposed, unnecessary.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these comments. For future reference, contact ACI at (202) 662-2514 (direct dial) or [jcassady@cleaninginstitute.org](mailto:jcassady@cleaninginstitute.org) and Fragrance Creators at (571) 317-1506 (direct dial) or [anguyen@fragrancecreators.org](mailto:anguyen@fragrancecreators.org).

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