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House Subcommittee on Health
House Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Delivered Electronically

Dear Members of the House Subcommittee on Health:

As members of the SUNucate Coalition, including medical specialty associations, patient, public health, and other groups, we write in strong support of H.R. 3686, the SAFE Sunscreen Standards Act, which would streamline the FDA review process of the effectiveness and safety of new ingredients for nonprescription sunscreens. Skin cancer is a pressing public health issue, and we believe this would be a significant step in promoting skin cancer prevention by ensuring Americans have access to the most effective sunscreen ingredients.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S.¹, and one in five Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70². However, it is highly preventable as regular sunscreen use helps reduce overall lifetime skin cancer rates³. Despite the proven efficacy of sunscreen in reducing skin cancer risks, the United States lags behind many other countries which have nearly twice as many sunscreen ingredients that better absorb or block UV radiation⁴.

The FDA has not approved a single new sunscreen ingredient since the 1990s, despite Congress passing the Sunscreen Innovation Act in 2014 to establish a process for review and approval of active sunscreen ingredients. Americans deserve the best possible sunscreen to protect themselves and their families.

The SAFE Sunscreen Standards Act is a bipartisan effort, and, if passed, would aid in reducing skin cancer rates in the United States. We urge you to support H.R. 3686 and encourage the committee to act now and vote for its passage out of the House Subcommittee on Health. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to

¹ US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Melanoma of the Skin Statistics. <https://www.cdc.gov/skin-cancer/statistics/>.

² The Skin Cancer Foundation. Facts About Sunburn and Skin Cancer. <https://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information/skin-cancer-facts/>

³ Green, A., et.al.; Reduced Melanoma After Regular Sunscreen Use: Randomized Trial Follow-Up J Clin Oncol 2011 Jan. 29:257-263.

⁴ Rogin, A., & Wilde, W. (2023, August 27). *Why Sunscreen in the United States is behind the rest of the world*. PBS. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/why-sunscreen-in-the-united-states-is-behind-the-rest-of-the-world>

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Sincerely,

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