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# **Statement of National Alliance for Hispanic Health on Senate Introduction of Personal Care Products Safety Act**

Washington DC — “Consumers deserve to know that their daily routine of applying makeup, using aftershave, or washing their children’s hair will not put their health at risk,” said Jane L. Delgado, PhD, MS, President and CEO of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, the nation’s leading Hispanic health advocacy group.

“For too long the FDA has not had authority to ensure cosmetic and personal care products that American families use everyday are safe nor has FDA had authority to get products off the shelves if they are found to be dangerous,” added Dr. Delgado.

Dr. Delgado’s remarks were made today after, in a bipartisan move, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced the Personal Care Products Safety Act. Among actions that would be authorized by the legislation:

- FDA would have the authority to order recalls of cosmetic and personal care products that threaten consumer safety,
- Companies would be required to provide timely reporting of adverse events,
- FDA would be required to annually evaluate for safety at least five chemicals used in cosmetic and personal care products, and
- Companies would be required to include complete ingredient information online.

The legislation’s requirements would be budget-neutral and financed through a new user fee program paid into by cosmetic and personal care product companies.

“This legislation, if enacted, would represent the first new consumer protections on cosmetics and personal care products in 75 years. It is action long overdue and we look forward to the bill becoming law,” concluded Dr. Delgado.

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### **About the National Alliance for Hispanic Health (The Alliance)**

The Alliance is the nation’s foremost science-based source of information and trusted advocate for the health of Hispanics in the United States. For more information, visit <http://www.hispanichealth.org> or call the Alliance’s Su Familia National Hispanic Family Health Helpline at 1-866-783-2645.