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THE ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC STIUMULUS PACKAGE

Arlington, Virginia, January 26, 2009—The Aluminum Association is urging members of Congress to support the passage of the Economic Stimulus bill. Aluminum Association President Steve Larkin says the aluminum industry supplies a broad range of customers in the transportation, packaging and construction markets and this bill will help ease a downward domino effect.

“While the bill is far from perfect, we believe that it will provide a needed jolt to restart economic growth and bring confidence back to consumers and businesses alike,” said Larkin.

Assuming the Stimulus Bill receives prompt debate and immediate passage, Larkin says many economists believe recovery will be measured in years—not months.

“We’re in one of the most serious economic situations we have had in a generation,” Larkin said. “Every country in the world has a common problem right now. We’ve got to address this setback and approach it in a way that lets everyone know we are working towards relief for both businesses and consumers—this bill is one step in the right direction.”

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The Aluminum Association, based in Arlington, Virginia, works globally to aggressively promote aluminum as the most sustainable and recyclable automotive, packaging and construction material in today’s market. The Association represents U.S. and foreign-based primary producers of aluminum, aluminum recyclers and producers of fabricated products, as well as industry suppliers. Member companies operate more than 200 plants in the United States, with many conducting business worldwide.