## The National Candle Association Announces New Opportunities for Membership

US Candle Industry Association Launches New Membership Category Targeted to Emerging Companies

**WASHINGTON DC, October 19, 2018** – The <u>National Candle Association</u> (NCA) is proud to introduce its revamped membership dues structure, designed to encourage smaller candle manufacturers and suppliers to become involved in the official trade organization for the US candle industry. Representing U.S. candle manufacturers and their suppliers, NCA serves as an industry leader in fire safety, technical and scientific expertise, regulatory matters, and trade issues.

NCA has added a new Incubator category for candle manufacturers and suppliers to the industry generating annual sales volume of less than \$750,000. Additionally, current member dues for candle manufacturers and suppliers generating less than \$5.0 million annually will be further segmented. Annual dues have also been lowered for companies with annual sales less than \$2.5 million. Details are available on NCA's website.

Along with offering a series of networking and professional development opportunities, the association is at the forefront of trade issues impacting the industry. Recently, through oral and written testimony to the U.S. Trade Representative, NCA successfully influenced the removal of waxes used in candle production from being subjected to 25% tariffs under Section 301. NCA has additionally submitted comments challenging the US Customs & Border Protection's proposed reclassification of imported glassware, emphasizing the potential negative economic impact on US candle manufacturers.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, NCA has more than 100 candle manufacturers and suppliers as members, and is widely recognized as the leading authority on candle manufacturing, science, and safety. For more information on becoming an NCA member, please visit <u>candles.org</u>.

## About the National Candle Association

The National Candle Association (NCA), founded in 1974, is the trade association representing U.S. candle manufacturers and their suppliers. NCA is widely recognized as the world's leading technical authority on candles and candle manufacturing. Its members are dedicated to quality formulations, testing, and prudent manufacturing processes, and to upholding consumer confidence through a commitment to candle quality, safety and science.

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