

February 24, 2023

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
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The Honorable Glenn “GT” Thompson
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture
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The Honorable David Scott
Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture
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Chairwoman Stabenow, Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Boozman and Ranking Member Scott:

We are writing to express our strong support for including in the 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization language under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) that codifies state oversight of pesticides at the state level. 46 states have adopted some form of pesticide preemption and are working cooperatively with local officials to enforce robust oversight of state pesticide laws.

Ensuring that pesticides are properly regulated is imperative for all our health and safety. Since the 1970s, State lead agencies have worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through cooperative agreements to administer and enforce FIFRA laws and support the development of scientifically based pesticide labels. State level pesticide control officials are career employees with extensive scientific training and are therefore best situated to prevent pesticides from having adverse effects to the environment.

This targeted fix will ensure that those with expertise at state lead agencies and EPA are the ones to determine pesticide usage and protect the status quo of 46 States where robust oversight of pesticides is already occurring, including Arkansas, California, Georgia, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

There is precedent for including similar language in the Farm Bill, as demonstrated in H.R. 2 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 where the House included such language in its initial 2018 Farm Bill. However, it was ultimately not included in the final conferenced version signed into

law on December 20th, 2018. It is therefore important the language be included, and remain in, the final 2023 Farm Bill.

On behalf of the organizations signed below, please consider supporting such language in the 2023 Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

American Association of Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO)
Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Agricultural Retailer's Association
Alabama Agricultural Aviation Association
Alabama Nursery & Landscape Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Hotel and Lodging Association
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American Mosquito Control Association
Aquatic Plant Management Society
Arizona Agricultural Aviation Association
Arizona Nursery Association
Arizona Crop Protection Association
Arizona Pest Professional Organization
Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association
Arkansas Pest Management Association
Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO)
Association of Montana Aerial Applicators
Association of Washington Aerial Applicators
California Agricultural Aircraft Association
California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA)
California Farm Bureau
Calusa Golf Course Superintendents Association
Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association
Central Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education and Regulation
Colorado Agricultural Aviation Association
Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association
Colorado Pest Control Association
Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Connecticut Grounds Keepers Association
Connecticut Pest Control Association
Council of Producers and Distributors of Agrotechnology
Delaware Pest Control Association
East Tennessee Pest Control Association
Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Everglades Golf Course Superintendents Association
Far West Agribusiness Association
Florida Agricultural Aviation Association
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association
Florida Pest Management Association
Florida West Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association
Georgia Agricultural Aviation Association
Georgia Agribusiness Council
Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association
Georgia Green Industry Association
Georgia Urban Ag Council
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Arkansas
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Cape Cod
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Central California
Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England
Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey
Golf Course Superintendents Association of New York
Greater New Orleans Pest Control Association
Gulf Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association
Hawaii Golf Course Superintendents Association
Hawaii Pest Control Association
Hoosier Golf Course Superintendents Association
Idaho Agricultural Aviation Association
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation
Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association
Idaho Onion Growers Association
Idaho Pest Management Association
Illinois Agricultural Aviation Association
Illinois Green Industry Association
Illinois Pest Control Association
Indiana Agricultural Aviation Association
Indiana Pest Management Association
Inland Empire Golf Course Superintendents Association
Iowa Agricultural Aviation Association
Iowa Pest Management Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association
Kansas Pest Control Association
Kentuckiana Golf Course Superintendents Association
Kentucky Pest Management Association
Louisiana Agricultural Aviation Association
Louisiana Forestry Association

Louisiana Nursery & Landscape Association
Malheur County Onion Growers Association
Malheur County Potato Growers Association
Maryland State Pest Control Association
Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals
Massachusetts Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.
Michigan Agricultural Aviation Association
Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association
Michigan Green Industry Association
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association
Michigan Pest Management Association
Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Mid-Atlantic Sports Field Management Association
Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Minnesota Agricultural Aircraft Association
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association
Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association
Minnesota Pest Management Association
Mississippi Agricultural Aviation Association
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Mississippi Pest Control Association
Missouri Agricultural Aviation Association
Missouri Pest Management Association
Montana Nursery & Landscape Association
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Association of Landscape Professionals
National Christmas Tree Association
National Onion Association
National Pest Management Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
National Turkey Federation
Nebraska Aviation Trades Association
Nebraska State Pest Control Association, Inc.
New England Pest Management Association
New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association
New Jersey Pest Management Association, Inc.
New Mexico Agricultural Aviation Association
New Mexico Pest Management Association
New York Farm Bureau
New York State Pest Management Association, Inc.
New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Association
North Carolina Agribusiness Council
North Carolina Agricultural Aviation Association

North Carolina Pest Management Association
North Central Weed Science Society
North Dakota Agricultural Association
North Dakota Agricultural Aviation Association
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association
North Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
Northeast Agricultural Aviation Association
Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association
Northeastern Weed Science Society
Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association
Northwestern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ohio Agribusiness Association
Ohio Agricultural Aviation Association
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Ohio Green Industry Association
Ohio Landscape Association
Ohio Pest Management Association
Ohio PLANT
Oklahoma Agricultural Aviation Association
Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative
Oklahoma Pest Control Association
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Oregon Pest Control Association
Pacific Northwest Aerial Applicators Alliance
Palm Beach Golf Course Superintendents Association
Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association
Pennsylvania Pest Management Association
Pest Control Operators of California
Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Puerto Rico Pest Control Association
Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association
Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association
Ridge Golf Course Superintendents Association
Seven Rivers Golf Course Superintendents Association
Sierra Nevada Golf Course Superintendents Association
South Carolina Pest Control Association
South Dakota Agri-Business Association
South Dakota Aviation Association
South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association
Southeast Aero Cultural Fair
Southern Weed Science Society
Sports Field Management Association
Sun Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association

Tennessee Aerial Application Association
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Tennessee Mosquito Vector Control Association
Tennessee Valley Sports Field Managers Association
Texas Agricultural Aviation Association
Texas Farm Bureau
Texas International Produce Association
Texas Nursery & Landscape Association
Texas Pest Control Association
Texas Vegetable Association
Treasure Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association
Treated Wood Council
United Producers, Formulators and Distributers Association
Utah Pest Management Association
Vidalia Onion Business Council
Virginia Agribusiness Council
Virginia Crop Production Association
Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association
Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association
Virginia Pest Management Association
Virginia Sports Field Management Association
Virginia Turfgrass Council
Washington Association of Landscape Professionals
Washington Friends of Farms and Forests
Washington State Pest Management Association
Weed Science Society of America
Western Plant Health Association
West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association
West Virginia Pest Management Association
Western Society of Weed Science
Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association
Western Wood Preservers Institute
Wisconsin Agricultural Aviation Association
Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association
Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association
Wisconsin Pest Control Association