

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Zeldin,

As farmers face rising input costs and stiff economic headwinds, access to crop protection tools is vital to ensure that America's producers are able to grow safe and robust yields to feed the nation. As you know, crop protection tools – herbicides, insecticides, and pesticides - are of the utmost importance to farmers and ranchers. These tools allow producers to use less land and water while producing more yields. As such, we write to ask that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) correct the practices of the Biden Administration that applied political science to supersede EPA's rigorous, science-based review process that showed the insecticide chlorpyrifos safe for use for eleven high value crops. We were pleased when the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the science, but more action needs to be taken to ensure that growers have the access dictated by the court.

Chlorpyrifos has an extensive history of safe use in American agriculture, and has withstood judicial review. It also remains an affordable and effective tool for growers across the country. EPA's own risk assessments, including its revised human health and water analyses, support the continued use of chlorpyrifos. In *Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association et al. v. Michael Regan*, the Eighth Circuit vacated EPA's 2021 Final Rule revoking chlorpyrifos tolerances finding it "arbitrary and capricious." The court was clear, noting "*Before the EPA's 2021 ban, agricultural use of chlorpyrifos had survived multiple safety reviews.*" The court continued, "As the EPA itself acknowledged, it could safely retain some chlorpyrifos tolerances." As noted in the court's decision, "EPA does not dispute its own scientific conclusions and findings in the 2020 [proposal] that the Agency could support a safety determination for the very limited and specific subset of uses identified in that document."

The economic case for maintaining chlorpyrifos registrations is equally compelling. For many of the specialty and row crop producers who rely on this chemistry, available alternatives are significantly more expensive. Further alternatives are less effective against key pests such as soybean aphid, sugarbeet root maggot, wheat stem sawfly, and certain borer species. In some cases and certain circumstances, it is the only crop protection tool available to fight pests. As input costs across the supply chain continue to rise and the farm economy faces sustained pressure, chlorpyrifos offers a cost-effective option that translates into real savings for growers and, ultimately, for consumers.

America's farmers produce the safest and most abundant food in the world and this helps secure our national security. The continued availability of vital crop protection tools, including chlorpyrifos, ensures that our producers can continue to provide and thrive. We respectfully urge EPA to ensure that any regulatory actions regarding chlorpyrifos, including the ongoing registration review, remain consistent with its own risk modeling and are grounded in sound science. Protecting the use of critical crop protection tools, like chlorpyrifos, is of the

utmost importance as our nation continues to make strides towards bolstering a strong domestic food supply.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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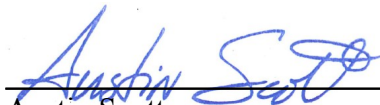
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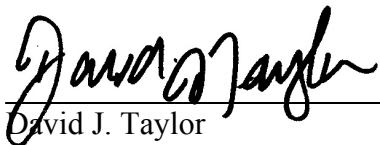
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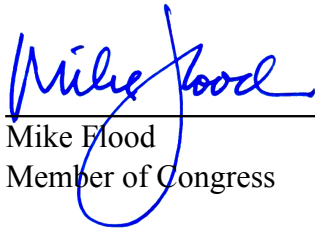
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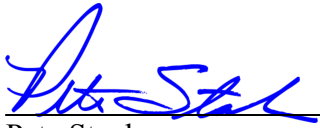
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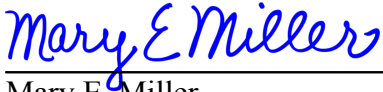
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