

November 28, 2022

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Chair  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition  
and Forestry  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boozman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition  
and Forestry  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable David Scott  
Chair  
House Agriculture Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Glenn Thompson  
Ranking Member  
House Agriculture Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow, Ranking Member Boozman, Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Thompson:

We are writing in support of the prompt reauthorization of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act, for which a legislative outline was agreed to by the undersigned organizations, with technical assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The support for this legislation comes from a unique coalition of organizations – environmental NGOs, farmworker advocates, and pesticide companies. We urge you to pass this legislation this year.

This unique coalition first came together to support initial passage of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (PRIA). This bill will be the fourth reauthorization of PRIA. Our same organizations continue to work with EPA to support administration of the program, to work together to develop subsequent reauthorization proposals, and to advocate for appropriated funds to further support the activities specified in the law.

This bill builds upon the win-win tradition of PRIA. The legislation will supplement annual appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) with additional funding from industry-paid registration and maintenance fees that support pesticide registration and registration review. The much-needed OPP funding, coupled with a variety of process and information technology improvements, will allow OPP to increase staffing and better meet registration and registration review timeframes. The bill will also increase funding for farm worker and clinician training programs and require Spanish translations of pesticide labels within set timeframes.

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), a pesticide cannot be legally used if it has not been approved for registration through OPP. In addition, EPA is required to periodically review pesticide registrations to ensure that they continue to meet the

FIFRA legal standard, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act. The key goals of PRIA have been to provide dedicated supplemental industry funding to support these key functions of OPP, along with a predictable source of funding for farm worker and clinician training. PRIA also lists specific time periods for EPA to make a regulatory decision on pesticide actions.

This legislation will continue the positive progress that the original PRIA brought to the pesticide registration and evaluation process. We respectfully urge Congress to move quickly to reauthorize this highly successful program this year, providing certainty to the regulated community in the review of pesticide applications and continued scrutiny over the appropriate use of pesticides to provide assurance to the public.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council's Center for Biocide Chemistries  
Animal Health Institute  
Biological Products Industry Alliance  
CropLife America  
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology  
Earthjustice  
Farmworker Justice  
Household & Commercial Products Association  
ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)