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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

On behalf of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) Coalition, we write to express our appreciation for your ongoing support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) pesticide program and to highlight our continued concerns regarding the pesticide review backlog at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP).

The President's FY 2026 Budget in Brief (BIB) acknowledges the severity of this backlog and its impact on regulatory certainty for farmers, public health professionals, small businesses, and other users. We are encouraged by the Administration's stated focus on addressing this issue and realigning resources within the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention to improve review timelines. We also appreciate EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin's leadership in prioritizing core statutory responsibilities under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2022 (PRIA 5).

We support efforts to provide the necessary resources and implement operational changes to reduce the backlog. Our coalition continues to request a total of $166 million in funding, reflecting the level required in statute to meet PRIA 5 statutory responsibilities and ensure that the program operates efficiently and transparently. While there are positive steps towards achieving these statutory goals outlined in the BIB, we believe the FY2026 proposed funding levels will not result in the delivery of timely decisions for pesticide reviews.

We also recognize that funding alone will not solve these challenges. Structural and process improvements—such as the recently proposed reorganization and planned internal efficiencies—are critical to restoring predictability and performance across the pesticide registration process. We applaud the proposed $10M recommended in the BIB to support these efforts and look forward to the details outlining how this funding can be applied to the revamped structure, in particular in the Office of Pesticide Programs, to ensure there is the capacity to execute an improved pesticide review process.

We remain committed to working with Congress and OPP to ensure the Agency has the tools and resources it needs to fulfill its mission. Each budget line for OPP provides specific requirements in the registration and regulation of pesticide products and, without adequate funding and the implementation of process improvements, the process will continue to see delays. As the

Subcommittee prepares to consider the FY2026 Interior and Environment bill, we would be happy to talk to you about any of the individual budget lines that compromise the Office of Pesticide Programs funding of $147.1 million for the Environmental Program Management lines, $13 million for the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program, and $5.9 million for Science and Technology, totaling the $166 million set in statute in PRIA 5.

Sincerely,
American Chemistry Council's Center for Biocide Chemistries
Animal Health Institute
Biological Products Industry Alliance
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
CropLife America
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology
Household & Commercial Products Association
ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)

CC: The Honorable Lee Zeldin, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency