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PESTICIDE POLICY COALITION
A Coalition Working for Sound Pest Management Policies

March 23, 2020

The President

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The PPC is an organization of food, agriculture, forestry, pest management and related industries, including small businesses/entities, which are dependent on the availability of pest management tools. PPC members include: nationwide and regional farm, commodity, specialty crop, and silviculture organizations; cooperatives; food processors and marketers; pesticide manufacturers, formulators and distributors; pest and vector-control applicators and operators; research organizations; equipment manufacturers and other interested stakeholders. PPC serves as a forum for the review, discussion, development and advocacy around pest management regulation and policy.

Annually, PPC members confront pest and disease threats introduced into the United States via weather, trade and other factors. Pesticide manufacturers work diligently to make pest control products available through, among other entities, a web of seed, fertilizer, and pesticide distributors, transportation networks, and pesticide application services. These efforts help ensure farmers, ranchers, public health officials, and other pesticide applicators have the tools they need to continue to produce America's food, fiber, and biofuel and to protect our public health and infrastructure. Many of these participants are small businesses reliant on annual, time-sensitive sales and labor to support American agricultural production and small businesses.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, concerns have been raised regarding the availability of basic necessities including food, beverages and other consumer products along with the protection of public health and infrastructure. We would like to thank you and applaud the guidance recently issued by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) regarding essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response. The CISA guidance acknowledges the important role of agriculture and related industries which support and maintain public health and robust agricultural production which will be needed during this time. As you consider additional

steps to restrict movement and take other measures to protect our nation from COVID-19, we hope the Administration will continue to be mindful of supply chain and workforce impacts on the pesticide and pesticide applicator community, especially as it relates to food, agriculture, infrastructure, and public health.

PPC members stand ready to help in any way to ensure public safety while maintaining America's important food, fiber, and biofuel production and protecting its public health and infrastructure. If we can provide information to the Administration useful towards meeting these goals, please know our member organizations would be happy to provide more detail or help in any way.

Sincerely,

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Steve Hensley

Chair, Pesticide Policy Coalition

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beau Greenwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Beau Greenwood

Vice Chair, Pesticide Policy Coalition