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**PESTICIDE POLICY COALITION**  
A Coalition Working for Sound Pest Management Policies

March 28, 2017

**Re: Urge Submit Member Request to Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment and Related Agencies for \$128.3 Million to Support PRIA.  
Deadline March 30**

On behalf of the Pesticide Policy Coalition (PPC), we ask you to submit a Member request to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies for \$128.3 million in fiscal year (FY) 2018 for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to enable critical activities under the Pesticide Registration and Improvement Act (PRIA).

PRIA was first enacted with strong bipartisan support in 2004 and reauthorized in 2007 and 2012 – each time with the engagement and support of the environmental NGOs, farmworker advocates, state departments of agriculture, and pesticide companies. Under PRIA, Congress authorized a fee schedule for registrants of crop protection and human health protection products registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). However, funding and staffing shortfalls at OPP since FY 2012 have resulted in delays that jeopardize the ability of industry to develop and register products needed to meet new crop, pest disease and public health challenges.

In order to ensure the OPP has the resources to thoroughly and accurately review new and existing crop and public health protection products, we ask that the Appropriations Committee fund the OPP at the statutory minimums prescribed in PRIA:

- EPA, Environmental Programs and Management, Pesticide licensing- \$109.8 million
- EPA, Science and Technology, Pesticide licensing- \$5.3 million
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Pesticides Program Implementation- \$13.2 Million

The deadline for Member requests to the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee is **March 30**.

PPC is an organization of food, agriculture, forestry, pest management and related industries that support transparent, fair and science-based regulation of pest management products. 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 operators; research organizations; and other interested stakeholders. PPC serves as a forum for the review, discussion, development and advocacy around pest management regulation and policy.

Sincerely,

Ethan Mathews  
Chair

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Vice Chair