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PESTICIDE POLICY COALITION

A Coalition Working for Sound Pest Management Policies

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Please Express Support to Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Leadership for funding at Mandated Statutory Minimums in FY18 to Support PRIA

Deadline for Member Input Today!

Dear Senator Cantwell:

On behalf of the Pesticide Policy Coalition (PPC), we ask you to express support to Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Ranking Member Udall for including the mandated statutory minimums for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) for FY18 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.

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

Beau Greenwood, Vice Chair