

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

The undersigned organizations represent a cross section of the agricultural and farming industry, whose members work to feed, fuel, and clothe Americans in a safe, efficient and economically sustainable manner.

Our organizations support the general goals of the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement and the principles included in the MAHA Commission's *Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy* regarding the use of sound science when making decisions on agricultural inputs. For our grower organizations, this includes encouraging increased consumption of fresh fruits, vegetables, grains, and protein. However, access to safe and effective pesticide products is essential to achieve these goals. Without pesticides, conventional and organic growers would lose significant yield to pests, reducing the amount of produce and grains available to consumers and animals. Likewise, livestock producers could not provide quality forage and grain for feed, or protect against flies, lice, and grubs. And beyond agricultural uses, pesticides help to protect the public from fleas, ticks, termites, rodents and mosquitoes that spread disease and structural damage across indoor and outdoor settings.

We recognize that the pesticide registration process has become increasingly challenging in the face of heightened public scrutiny and criticism that is not based in science. Often, these are voices that may not fully understand the rigorous, science-based review and risk-assessment framework used to evaluate products for safety when applied according to the label. EPA's credibility as a global leader in risk-based regulation depends on meeting its obligations under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA), including timely registration reviews and approvals that allow U.S. producers access to innovative tools on par with global competitors. Therefore, we ask you to uphold EPA's rigorous, science-based registration process, recognizing its critical role in achieving our shared goals to feed the nation and keep food affordable.

Following the September release of the MAHA Commission's *Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy*, EPA committed to "keep food prices affordable for American families while maintaining essential environmental protections" and "accelerate innovative and vetted crop-

protection products to enhance America's leading agricultural system¹." The U.S. agriculture community greatly appreciates those sentiments, particularly after years of working with the EPA to finalize the Endangered Species Act (ESA) pesticide risk mitigation strategies. However, access to new products and innovations has slowed further while other countries have continued to move forward with approvals, pushing the U.S. further behind and putting America's farmers at a disadvantage.

U.S. producers are eager to fulfill the MAHA Strategy goal of supplying nutritious food to consumers. Doing so involves the use of pesticide tools that have undergone rigorous scientific assessment and help to ensure the high quality, pest-free products we grow. We are increasingly concerned about anti-scientific rhetoric and misinformation that undermine the credibility of EPA and its scientific integrity.

Innovation is explicitly recognized in the MAHA recommendations, and there is clear common ground around advancing more sustainable products and tools in the marketplace. An efficient and transparent process that meets statutory timelines under PRIA and FIFRA is essential to fostering innovation and ensuring we have access to the next generation of tools needed to deliver on our food security, food quality, and food affordability objectives.

We respectfully urge you to continue to uphold the science-based mission of the Office of Pesticide Programs' career scientists, whose thorough data reviews and technical analyses underpin EPA's determinations that registered pesticides meet safety and efficacy standards. The agriculture community stands ready to support you in successfully delivering innovative, safe, sustainable and effective tools to U.S. agriculture in an efficient and transparent manner using gold standard science.

Sincerely,

African American Farmers of California
Alabama Farmers Federation
Alabama Nursery & Landscape Association
Alabama Soybean and Corn Association
Alaska Farm Bureau
Almond Alliance
American Agri-Women
American Cotton Producers
American Dairy Coalition
American Farm Bureau Federation

¹ <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-zeldin-visits-delaware-washington-arizona-and-idaho-advancing>

American Feed Industry Association
American Pistachio Growers
American Seed Trade Association
American Society of Agronomy
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
AmericanHort
Arizona Cotton Growers Association
Arizona Farm Bureau Federation
Arizona Nursery Association
Arkansas Agricultural Consultants Association
Arkansas Certified Crop Advisers
Arkansas Farm Bureau
Arkansas Rice Federation
Arkansas Rice Growers Association
Arkansas Soybean Association
Big Horn Basin Beet Growers Association
Big Horn County Sugarbeet Growers
Association
Burley & Dark Tobacco Producer Association
California Alfalfa & Forage Association
California Citrus Mutual
California Citrus Quality Council
California Cotton Ginners and Growers
Association
California Farm Bureau
California Fresh Fruit Association
California Specialty Crops Council
California Tomato Growers Association
California Walnut Commission
Certified Crop Advisors
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers
Colorado Farm Bureau
Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers
Association
Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association
Colorado Pork Producers Council
Colorado Potato Legislative Association
Colorado Sorghum Growers
Connecticut Farm Bureau Association
Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association
Cranberry Institute
Crop Science Society of America
Delaware Farm Bureau

Delta Council
Empire State Potato Growers
Farm Credit Council
Florida Citrus Mutual
Florida Farm Bureau Federation
Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape
Association
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers
Association
Georgia Cotton Commission
Georgia Green Industry Association
Georgia Urban Agriculture Council
Georgia/Florida Soybean Association
Idaho Alfalfa & Clover Seed Growers
Association
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation
Idaho Grain Producers Association
Idaho Hay & Forage Association
Idaho Hop Growers Association
Idaho Mint Growers Association
Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association
Illinois Corn Growers Association
Illinois Farm Bureau
Illinois Soybean Growers
Indiana Farm Bureau
Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association
International Fresh Produce Association
Iowa Corn Growers Association
Iowa Soybean Association
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Kansas Corn Growers Association
Kansas Cotton Association
Kansas Farm Bureau
Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Sorghum Producers
Kansas Soybean Association
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
Kentucky Soybean Association
Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
Maine Farmers Coalition
Maine Landscape and Nursery Association
Maine Potato Board
Maryland Farm Bureau
Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation

Michigan Asparagus Association
Michigan Corn Growers Association
Michigan Farm Bureau
Michigan Soybean Association
Michigan State Horticultural Society
Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association
Midwest Council on Agriculture
Midwest Dry Bean Coalition
Midwest Forage Association
Minnesota AgriGrowth
Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Mississippi Nursery & Landscape Association
Mississippi Soybean Association
Missouri Farm Bureau
Missouri Rice Council
Missouri Soybean Association
Montana Farm Bureau Federation
Montana Grain Growers Association
Montana Nursery & Landscape Association
Montana Potato Improvement Association
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Alliance of Independent Crop
Consultants
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Black Growers Council
National Christmas Tree Association
National Citrus Nursery Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council of America
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Onion Association
National Pasta Association
National Pest Management Association
National Potato Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Watermelon Association
NEBCO Sugarbeet Growers Association
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Nebraska Dry Bean Commission
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

Nebraska Sorghum Producers
Nebraska Soybean Association
Nebraska Sugarbeet Growers Association
New Jersey Farm Bureau
New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
New York Corn & Soybean Growers
Associations
New York State Flower Industries
Next Gineration Inc.
Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association
Nisei Farmers League
North American Blueberry Council
North American Millers' Association
North Carolina Farm Bureau
North Carolina Grange
North Carolina Potato Association
North Carolina Soybean Producers Association
North Dakota Corn Growers Association
North Dakota Grain Growers Association
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association
Northharvest Bean Growers Association
Northern Canola Growers Association
Northern Pulse Growers Association
Northwest Horticultural Council
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association
Ohio Farm Bureau
Ohio Green Industry Association
Ohio Soybean Association
Oklahoma Farm Bureau
Oklahoma Soybean Association
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Wheat Growers League
Oregon Women for Agriculture
Pacific Northwest Canola Association
Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
Potato Growers of Michigan, Inc.
Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers
Association
Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association
Society of American Florists
Soil Science Society of America

South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association
South Dakota Farm Bureau
South Dakota Soybean Association
South Dakota Wheat Growers Association
Southern Cotton Ginners Association
Southern Kansas Cotton Growers Coop
Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Tennessee Soybean Association
Texas Citrus Mutual
Texas Corn Producers Association
Texas Farm Bureau
Texas Grain Sorghum Association
Texas International Produce Association
Texas Soybean Association
Texas Vegetable Association
Texas Wheat Producers Association
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Beet Sugar Association
U.S. Canola Association
U.S. Dry Bean Council
U.S. Durum Growers Association
U.S. Rice Producers Association
USA Pulses
USA Rice Federation
Utah Farm Bureau Federation
Utah Pork Producers Association
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
Virginia Grain Producers Association
Virginia Nursery & Landscape Assoc.
Virginia Soybean Association
Washington Association of Wheat Growers
Washington State Pest Management Association
Washington Winegrowers Association
West Virginia Nursery & Landscape
Association
Western Growers
Western Sugar Cooperative
Western Tree Nut Association
Wheatland Wy. Sugarbeet Growers
Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers
Association

Wisconsin Soybean Association
Wyoming Ag Business Association
Wyoming Crop Improvement Association
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
Wyoming Wheat Growers Association
Venture Dairy Cooperative