

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

We are writing to express our strong support for H.R.7266, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to prohibit the local regulation of pesticide use, introduced by Representative Rodney Davis. We support science-based regulations, and H.R. 7266 ensures that oversight of pesticides is based on scientific expertise at the state and federal level.

H.R. 7266 ensures uniform protection of the public's health, food supply, and property from pests by stating that oversight of pest control is best handled jointly by the lead agency in each state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - the entities that have the technical expertise and resources to best evaluate a product.

**On behalf of the organizations signed below, please consider supporting H.R. 7266 to protect Americans in the places where they live, work and play.**

We strongly believe that the EPA and the state lead agency should be the only regulatory entities responsible for the registration, sale, and use of pest control products. H.R. 7266 clarifies the exclusive role of state lead agencies, preventing localities from imposing a patchwork of conflicting regulatory restrictions without scientific assessment, economic analysis, consideration of the rights of property owners to control pests, or responsibility of public health agencies to control disease vectors.

If passed, the bill reinforces the intention of FIFRA that only the state lead agency act as a coregulator in the state with EPA, ensuring that the highly technical work of determining how pest control products and services are used is made by those with technical knowledge. In states with preemption, the state lead agency already works with the EPA on any and all pesticide usage, sale, or distribution. The handful of states without a pesticide preemption law allow individual localities to regulate pesticides differently, creating unequal protection for citizens based on their zip code.

H.R. 7266 would ensure that no matter where an individual or business is within a state that they are guaranteed equal protection from the diseases, insects, weeds, and other pests that cause significant negative environmental, economic, and health impacts. Please consider supporting H.R. 7266 today.

Sincerely,  
Agriculture Retailers Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Mosquito Control Association  
AmericanHort  
Association of American Pesticide Control Officials  
Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials  
Exotic Wildlife Association  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
National Agricultural Aviation Association

National Association of Landscape Professionals  
National Christmas Tree Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Onion Association  
National Pest Management Association  
National Sorghum Producers  
Treated Wood Council  
Tree Care Industry Association

Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas  
Alabama Pest Control Association  
Arizona Crop Protection Association  
Arizona Landscape Contractors Association  
Arizona Nursery Association  
Arizona Pest Professionals Organizations  
Arkansas Pest Management Association  
Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals  
Carolinas Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Central Ohio Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Certified Pest Control Operators Association of Florida  
Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents  
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers  
Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association  
Colorado Potato Legislative Association  
Colorado Weed Management Association  
Coloradoans for Responsible Pesticide Application  
Connecticut Pest Control Association  
Delaware Pest Control Association  
East Tennessee Pest Control Association  
Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents  
Far West Agribusiness Association  
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association  
Florida Nursery, Growers, & Landscape Association  
Florida Pest Management Association  
Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Georgia Green Industry Association  
Georgia Pest Control Association  
Georgia Urban Ag Council  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of Arkansas  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of Cape Cod  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of Central California  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of New England  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of New York  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of Northern California  
Golf Course Superintendent Association of Southern California

Gulf Coast Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Hawaii Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Hawaii Pest Control Association  
Hudson Valley Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Idaho Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association  
Idaho Pest Management Association  
Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association  
Illinois Green Industry Association  
Illinois Landscape Contractors Association  
Illinois Pest Control Association  
Indiana Pest Management Association  
Inland Empire Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Iowa Pest Management Association  
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association  
Kansas Pest Control Association  
Kentuckiana Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Kentucky Pest Management Association  
Lone Star Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Long Island Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Louisiana Ag Industries Association  
Louisiana Pest Management Association  
Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association  
Maryland Nursery, Landscape, & Greenhouse Association  
Maryland State Pest Control Association  
Massachusetts Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.  
Miami Valley Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Michigan Agri Business Association  
Michigan Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Michigan Green Industry Association  
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association  
Michigan Pest Management Association  
Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents  
Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers  
Minnesota Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association  
Minnesota Pest Management Association  
Mississippi Pest Control Association  
Missouri Pest Management Association  
Montana Agricultural Business Association  
Montana Nursery & Landscape Association  
Nebraska Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Nebraska State Pest Control Association  
Nevada Pest Management Association  
New England Pest Management Association

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association  
New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Association  
New Jersey Pest Management Association  
New Mexico Pest Management Association  
New York Pest Management Association  
North Carolina Agribusiness Council  
North Carolina Pest Management Association  
Northwestern Illinois Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Ohio AgriBusiness Association  
Ohio Green Industry Association  
Ohio Landscape Association  
Ohio Pest Management Association  
Oklahoma Pest Management Association  
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Oregon Golf Course Superintendent Association  
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Pennsylvania Pest Management Association  
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Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association  
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South Carolina Pest Control Association  
South Dakota Agri-Business Association  
South Texas Cotton & Grain Association  
South Texas Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Southern Illinois Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Southern Nevada Golf Course Superintendents Association  
Tennessee Pest Control Association  
Texas Ag Industries Association  
Texas Agricultural Aviation Association  
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council  
Texas Citrus Mutual  
Texas International Produce Association  
Texas Nursery & Landscape Association  
Texas Pest Control Association  
Texas Vegetable Association  
Texas Vegetation Management Association  
Turfgrass Producers of Texas  
Utah Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Utah Pest Management Association

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Virginia Pest Management Association  
Washington Friends of Farms & Forests  
Washington State Pest Management Association  
West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association  
West Virginia Pest Management Association  
Western Washington Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Western Wood Preservers Institute  
Wisconsin Agri-business Association  
Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendent Association  
Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association  
Wisconsin Pest Control Association