

June 17, 2025

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries,

We write to express our strong opposition to any efforts to limit longstanding state and local authority to protect people, animals, and the environment by regulating pesticides. As Congress considers legislation related to agriculture, including the reauthorization of the Farm Bill, we urge you to ensure that state, county, and local governments retain the right to protect their communities and set policies that best suit our local needs.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) establishes the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to oversee the registration, distribution, sale, and use of pesticides in the United States. Congress has long considered FIFRA to set a federal *floor* for pesticide policy, and under FIFRA, state, county, and local governments possess authority to enact supplementary standards. Hundreds of towns and cities have adopted laws and ordinances related to pesticide safety. These include laws to restrict pesticide use near schools, parks, and playgrounds, protect drinking water supplies and wildlife, provide consumers with adequate information to make informed decisions about use and exposure, and equip workers with information and tools to minimize occupational risk.

The Supreme Court has ruled that democratically elected local governments hold the power to address the specific needs of their communities. State and local governments are often best positioned to respond quickly to emerging risks within our communities, and proposals to weaken our ability to respond could have a significant impact on public safety.

These efforts to limit states from enacting and enforcing supplemental requirements for warnings or other information would deprive consumers of vital information in the public interest. Efforts at the state level include additional language warning requirements and information related to antidotes in the case of injury or accident.

As Congress continues its work in the 119th Congress, we urge you to reject any harmful pesticide policy riders that would diminish local authority. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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