

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 29, 2022

The Honorable David Scott  
Chairman  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Scott:

When Michael S. Regan was confirmed as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 10, 2021, you issued a congratulatory statement that read, “I look forward to starting a dialogue with him and his staff to ensure that EPA’s pesticide registration programs remain trusted and science based.” Given the EPA is an agency that has historically overregulated the agriculture industry, we certainly agree with this sentiment; however, Administrator Regan has yet to publicly testify before the Committee on Agriculture in the sixteen months he has been at the helm of the EPA.

As you know, since 1947, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) has regulated the registration, distribution, sale, and use of crop protection tools and other pesticides necessary to feed the world while also protecting human health and the environment. Until recently, American farmers and ranchers relied on this trusted process for adequate access to products that protect crops from pests and weeds, increase yields with fewer inputs, and reduce tillage. Similarly, the American public has historically trusted EPA to adhere to the letter and intent of the law and implement FIFRA in a science-driven, risk-based manner.

However, since Administrator Regan’s confirmation, EPA has weaponized the FIFRA registration review against American farmers to placate a “cancel culture” of pesticides and curry favor with extremist groups. Specifically, the Biden EPA has already made steps towards restricting or canceling chlorpyrifos, Enlist, glyphosate, atrazine, sulfoxaflor, DCPA, diuron, organophosphates, neonicotinoids, and many more. This has eroded public trust in the regulatory process and is undermining confidence in the scientific integrity of the EPA. As the country is facing the highest inflation rate since the Carter Administration, disrupted supply chains, and an ongoing conflict in Europe, we should be looking for ways to bolster American production to ensure access to the safest, most affordable, and most abundant food and fiber supply in the world. Instead, the Biden Administration is choosing to do the bidding of liberal activists at every turn to restrict access to critical crop protection tools.

It is the responsibility of the House Committee on Agriculture to conduct proper oversight of laws, programs, and agencies within our jurisdiction, and we believe a public hearing to review recent actions by the EPA is long overdue. As you consider the Committee schedule following the August recess, we respectfully request the Committee hold a hearing with EPA Administrator Regan before September 30, 2022.

We look forward to working with you to secure this hearing, ensuring American farmers and ranchers have the tools necessary to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

Sincerely,



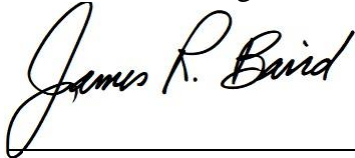
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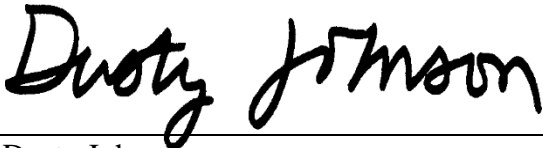
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