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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Re: **Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0136** - Request for Extension of Comment Period EPA's Sulfuryl Fluoride Draft Interim Re-Entry Mitigation Measures and Other Analyses Published May 25, 2021

Dear Ms. Appleyard,

The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) and its working committees provide a platform for the states and EPA to resolve challenges for successful implementation of pesticide programs and policies. SFIREG members consist of state representatives from the EPA regions and SFIREG has a long history of working with EPA staff as coregulatory partners to implement FIFRA.

I am writing on behalf of SFIREG to respectfully request an extension of 180 days to provide comment on EPA's Sulfuryl Fluoride Draft Interim Re-Entry Mitigation Measures, which is presently scheduled to close on July 26, 2021. Sixty days is insufficient for SFIREG, committees and working groups, State Lead Agencies (SLAs), University Extension, and the affected industry sector to provide public comments on this complex issue. This request is due to recommendations received from a number of SLAs, University Extension, and the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO). The request is also due to the large number of docket documents and pages of technical detail, and the complexity of the topics and proposed mitigation measures. The various groups will require a substantial amount of time to review and provide comments, especially during this busy application season for government, university, and industry.

SFIREG and SLAs are focused on providing science based information to the public, stakeholders, industry, and also to EPA. Throughout the nation the pest control industry and the structural fumigation sector is very important to protect properties and commodities while also protecting human health and the environment. We look forward to working with EPA and

providing helpful comments, and we respectfully request a 180-day extension of the comment period.

Thank you for considering our request, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,



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