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RE: Request for Extension Period to Comment: Pesticide Registration Review; Proposed Interim Decisions for Several Pesticides; Notice of Availability [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0750; FRL-10275-01- OCSPP]

Dear Ms. Biscoe:

The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) and its working committees provide a platform for the states and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to resolve challenges for successful implementation of pesticide programs and policies. SFIREG serves as a permanent standing committee of the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO), which works to represent states in the development, implementation, and communication of sound public policies and programs related to the sale, use, transport, and disposal of pesticides.

On behalf of SFIREG and our Joint Working Committees (JWC), we appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter requesting additional time to provide comment on an important EPA Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) notice that is due March 8, 2023. We're writing to request a 30-day extension of the comment period for EPA's Proposed Interim Decisions for Several Pesticides; Notice of Availability [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0750; FRL-10275-01- OCSPP]. The request is associated with the Proposed Interim Decisions (PIDs) notice that contains for the following pesticides: 1,3- Propanediamine, N-(3-aminopropyl)-Ndodecyl-(1,3-PAD); DCNA; Etofenprox; Lavandulyl Senecioate; Norflurazon; Oregano Oil; Penta-termanone; Plant Extract 620; and Thiophanate-methyl and Carbendazim. The extension request is of interest primarily for DCNA, Etofenprox, Norflurazon, Thiophanate-methyl and Carbendazim. The request is due

to several factors including: the number and complexity of the documents in the docket, the amount of time that it took for SFIREG and JWC to provide comments on the recent rodenticide and ESA workplan appendix updates that were due February 13 and 14, 2023 respectively, and the situation where SFIREG and many SLAs and other partners will be attending the American Association of Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) annual conference and also the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) spring meeting which will be held concurrently March 5 – 10, 2023 in the DC area. The additional time will be required for SFIREG and SLAs to work through the documents and develop comments.

SFIREG and SLAs are focused on providing science based information and consistent regulations while working with EPA, stakeholders, and industry. We thank EPA for the opportunity to comment and to request consideration of an extension beyond the March 8, 2023 deadline.

We look forward to working with EPA on these important science and regulatory processes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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