

April 27, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
568 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of professional pesticide applicators who provide essential services nationwide, we write to support the swift passage of H.R. 7567, *the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026*, following the Rules Committee's review during the week of April 27.

Congress should act now to codify the longstanding co-regulatory partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state regulatory agencies. This framework provides the regulatory certainty that applicators depend on to help ensure safe and healthy environments where Americans live, work, and play.

Section 10206 of H.R. 7567 is critical. In recent years, a small number of states have considered legislation that would weaken this framework, creating uncertainty for the businesses we represent and the communities they serve. Currently, 45 states have pesticide preemption laws that designate a single state lead agency (SLA) to work alongside the EPA under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). These SLAs regularly coordinate with local officials to ensure effective oversight.

Local regulation of pesticides, as we have seen in now five states, have resulted in professional applicators having to follow many different sets of rules across county lines and that are hard to track, as many technicians service dozens of counties a day. Local restrictions prevent individuals from using an otherwise EPA and state approved pesticide to treat against a harmful pest infestation. This jeopardizes the health and safety of U.S. citizens based on their zip code.

Fortunately, legislatures in these states have largely rejected such efforts, recognizing the importance of a centralized, science-based regulatory approach. Without it, local governments, which lack the necessary resources and technical expertise, would be responsible for regulating and enforcing complex pesticide laws.

State lead agencies are best equipped to manage these responsibilities. They provide applicator training, oversee compliance, and investigate misuse. Section 10206 reinforces the existing regulatory structure in most states, offering clarity and consistency for applicators and the communities they serve.

Importantly, this provision does not affect the authority of local governments to restrict pesticide use on property they manage, such as schools, parks, and other public spaces.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to advancing the 2026 farm bill.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Retailers Association

Alabama Nursery & Landscape Association

Alabama Pest Control Association

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American Mosquito Control Association

Arizona Nursery/Crop Protection Association

Arizona Pest Professional Organization

Arkansas Pest Management Association

Cactus and Pines Golf Course Superintendents Association

California Pest Management Association

Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association

Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association

Colorado Pest Control Association

Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Connecticut Pest Control Association

Delaware Pest Control Association

Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Everglades Golf Course Superintendents Association

Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association

Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association

Florida Pest Management Association

Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association
Georgia Green Industry Association
Georgia Pest Control Association
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Cape Cod
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Central California
Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England
Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California
Greater Cincinnati Golf Course Superintendents Association
Greater Pittsburgh Golf Course Superintendents Association
Hawaii Golf Course Superintendents Association
Hawaii Pest Control Association
Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association
Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course Superintendents Association
Hudson Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association
Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association
Idaho Nursey and Landscape Association
Idaho Pest Management Association
Illinois Pest Control Association
Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association
Indiana Pest Management Association
Inland Empire Golf Course Superintendents Association
Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association
Iowa Pest Management Association
Kansas Golf Course Superintendents Association

Kansas Nursery and Landscape Association
Kansas Pest Control Association
Kentuckiana Golf Course Superintendents Association
Landscape Illinois
Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association
Louisiana Pest Management Association
Maine Landscape and Nursery Association
Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association
Maryland State Pest Control Association
Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals
Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association
Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association
Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association
Michigan Pest Management Association
MidAtlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association
Minnesota Pest Management Association
Mississippi Pest Control Association
Missouri Pest Management Association
Montana Nursery & Landscape Association
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Association of Landscape Professionals
National Christmas Tree Association
National Citrus Nursery Association
National Pest Management Association

Nebraska Golf Course Superintendents Association
Nebraska State Pest Control Association
Nevada Pest Management Association
New England (NH, ME, MA, RI and VT) Pest Management Association
New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents 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
New York State Flower Industries
North Carolina Nursery & Landscape Association
North Carolina Pest Management Association
North Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association
Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association
Northwestern Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ohio Pest Management Association
Oklahoma Golf Course Superintendents Association
Oklahoma Pest Control Association
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association
Oregon Pest Control Association
Oregonians for Food and Shelter
Palm Beach Golf Course Superintendents Association
Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association
Pennsylvania Pest Management Association

Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ridge Golf Course Superintendents Association
Rio Grande Golf Course Superintendents Association
Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association
San Diego Golf Course Superintendents Association
South Carolina Pest Control Association
South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association
Southern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association
Southern Nevada Course Superintendents Association
Suncoast Golf Course Superintendents Association
Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association
Tennessee Nursery & Landscape Association
Tennessee Pest Control Association
Texas Nursery and Landscape Association
Texas Pest Control Association
The Ohio Landscape Association
Tree Care Industry Association
Tristate Golf Course Superintendents Association
Turfgrass Producers International
Utah Golf Course Superintendents Association
Utah Nursery & Landscape Association
Utah Pest Management Association
Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association
Virginia Pest Management Association
Washington Friends of Farms and Forests
Washington State Pest Management Association

West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association

West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association

West Virginia Pest Management Association

Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association

Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association

Wisconsin Landscape & Landscape Association

Wisconsin Pest Control Association

CC: U.S. House of Representatives