

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Simpson, and Ranking Member Pingree:

On behalf of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) Coalition, we write to express our appreciation for your continued support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP).

As the Subcommittee prepares to write the FY 2027 Interior, Environment & Related Agencies appropriations bill, we respectfully request the following amounts for the budget lines that make up OPP's funding: **\$147.1 million** for Pesticide Licensing in Environmental Programs and Management, **\$13.0 million** for State and Tribal Assistance Grants, and **\$5.9 million** for Science and Technology; totaling **\$166.0 million** set in statute under PRIA 5.

These funding levels are critical to the successful implementation of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA). Additionally, we must underscore our ongoing concern about the pesticide review backlog and missed decision timelines. Predictable, timely, and science-based

FY	Appropriation (\$000s)	Inflation- Adjusted (2017)	Cumulative Inflation	Real Change from 2017
2017	\$102,363	\$102,363	+0.0%	+0.0%
2018	\$109,377	\$106,768	+2.4%	+4.3%
2019	\$109,363	\$104,854	+4.3%	+2.4%
2020	\$107,046	\$101,384	+5.6%	-1.0%
2021	\$109,000	\$98,602	+10.5%	-3.7%
2022	\$110,196	\$92,296	+19.4%	-9.8%
2023	\$120,277	\$96,758	+24.3%	-5.5%
2024	\$115,300	\$89,956	+28.2%	-12.1%
2025*	\$115,370	\$88,623	+30.2%	-13.4%
2026*	\$115,375	\$86,557	+33.3%	-15.4%

regulatory decisions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and PRIA are essential to farmers, public health professionals, state and local agencies, and the many businesses that rely on clear and timely federal decisions. When decisions slip, products sit in limbo, investment is delayed, and end-users face unnecessary uncertainty.

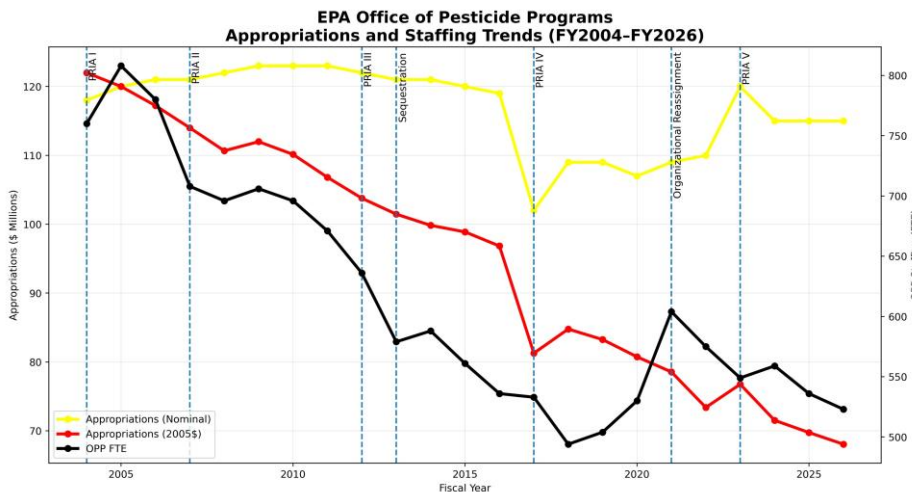
In particular, the Pesticide Licensing account, which encompasses salaries, expenses, and supports OPP's registration and licensing functions, has over the past ten fiscal years (2017–26), received modest spending increases; \$102.4 million in FY 2017 to \$115.4 million in FY 2026. Over that same period, inflation increased substantially by over 33%. Consequently, over that time frame, OPP has operated with a cumulative reduction of \$145.5 million in real-dollar spending power.

The principal driver of the erosion of EPA's services and capabilities stems from a decline in inflation-adjusted resources. Last year, the President's FY 2026 Budget in Brief acknowledged the severity of the problems within the agency. The Coalition appreciates the Administration's focus on addressing myriad concerns and realigning resources within the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention to improve review timelines. We also appreciate EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin's leadership in prioritizing core statutory responsibilities under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and PRIA-5.

Nevertheless, the funding for EPA's core regulatory functions is a top priority for stakeholders who, for over twenty years, have found common ground advocating for the reauthorization of PRIA. When first enacted, PRIA brought new, dedicated funds, through fees, to OPP for more efficient pesticide registration and re-registration activities and was intended to provide registrants with confidence in the registration process after decades of uncertainty. Further, these funds provide important education and training initiatives for agricultural and healthcare workers.

PRIA fees must be accompanied by adequate appropriations. Unfortunately, registrants remain deeply concerned about the future as OPP operations are progressively more dependent on

industry fee revenue, which has kept OPP operational during repeated government shutdowns. Increasing OPP appropriations in FY 2027 is critical to bolstering EPA's ability to fulfil its mandate to maintain the availability of critical pesticide products while protecting applicators, consumers, and the environment. We respectfully request that



you consider the coalition's funding appeal as you align spending priorities for the next fiscal year in the spirit of providing sufficient discretionary resources to strengthen OPP's functional capabilities and enable timely decision-making.

We are ready to work with you and the EPA to ensure that adequate resources and operational improvements translate into timely, predictable, and protective decisions. Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact Hunt Shipman at hshipman@cgagroup.com if you have any questions.

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