

The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
400 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Angie Craig
Ranking Member
House Committee on Agriculture
2052 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Thompson and Ranking Member Craig,

As organizations dedicated to environmental protection, human health and wellbeing, and access to justice, we write in strong opposition to any effort to limit existing state and local authority to regulate pesticides and lock-in outdated science.

This includes sections 10205, 10206, and 10207 of H.R. 7567 - Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.

These efforts serve only to limit the ability of the EPA, states, and localities to protect their people and environment from the harms of pesticide use, while shielding companies from liability for their products' harms.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA") sets the federal floor on pesticide safety. Under FIFRA, states and localities have the authority to impose restrictions on sale and use that are more stringent than federal requirements or require warnings and other information designed to allow consumers to make informed decisions about pesticide use and exposure.

Preemption takes decision-making out of the hands of those most impacted by pesticide use. States and localities have taken action to protect their unique local environments and communities, including schools and childcare facilities, from toxic pesticides. Undermining that authority would hamstring critical local efforts to address cancer and other human health risks, threats to water resources, and harm to pollinators and other wildlife. These sections would erode state and local sovereignty by preventing states, cities, and counties from tailoring laws to address the specific needs of their residents. Doing so would risk the health of their residents and the sustainability of local economies, while infringing upon an area that is the purview of state and local governments.

Preemption of state authority can also effectively immunize pesticide and chemical manufacturers from claims that they failed to warn consumers of health hazards that either they were aware of or should have been. State tort law is currently a critical complement to federal regulation of pesticides and provides the public critical access to information and justice. State tort law also incentivizes manufacturers to continue to monitor the safety of their products and ensure their labels reflect the known risks.

These provisions hamstring a state's ability to respond to the most recent data regarding pesticide risks. Forcing states to rely on potentially outdated assessments that may not reflect the best science will impair their ability to take swift and necessary action to protect public health.

Federal pesticide preemption is contrary to FIFRA's intentional and long standing balance of authorities. We ask that you stand on the side of public health, accountability, and the environment instead of chemical industry profits and strike these sections from H.R. 7567.

Sincerely,

National Organizations:

Environmental Working Group
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
Earthjustice Action
Farm Action Fund
Rural Coalition
Center for Biological Diversity
Food & Water Watch
Friends of the Earth
Clean Water Action
Parkinson & Movement Disorder Alliance
American Association for Justice (AAJ)
Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment
American Bird Conservancy
Organic Voices
Waterkeeper Alliance
Farmworker Justice
Center for Environmental Health (CEH)
Family Farm Defenders
American Sustainable Business Network
Partnership for Policy Integrity
Science and Environmental Health Network (SEHN)
Organization for Competitive Markets
Competitive Markets Action
Wild Farm Alliance (WFA)
Regenerative Agriculture Coalition
The Ocean Project
Climate Justice Alliance
Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's
A Well-Fed World
Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety

FACTS (Families Advocating for Chemical & Toxics Safety)
Pollinator Stewardship Council
Pollinator Pathway
Wildlife for All
Predator Defense
Earth Island Advocates
Re:wild Your Campus (RYC)
Non-Toxic Neighborhoods
Non Toxic Communities
Defend Them All (DTA)
Grassroots Environmental Education
Civic Empowerment Coalition
Next 100 Coalition
Feather River Action! (FRA!)
Farm Sanctuary

State and Regional Organizations:

NC Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN)
Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (NODPA)
Colorado Environmental Health Coalition (CEHC)
New Hampshire Audubon
Environmental Advocates NY
Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota (SFA)
Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides
Clean Wisconsin
Farmworker Association of Florida (FWAF)
Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment
Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative
Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture (IARA)
Iowa Environmental Council (IEC)
Maryland Children's Environmental Health Coalition (MD CEHC)
Toxic Free North Carolina
Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc. (JFAN)
Kentucky Resources Council
Parkinson Association of Northern California
California Nurses for Environmental Health and Justice
California Safe Schools
California Environmental Voters (EnviroVoters)
Californians for Pesticide Reform
SanDiego350
Endangered Habitats League
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability (DCS)
Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)

Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs
Sunflower Alliance
Protect Our Watershed San Mateo County
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (CT NOFA)
Poison Free Malibu
Los Angeles Climate Reality Project
El Granada Advocates (EGA)
Indivisible Marin
Long Beach Gray Panthers
Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCoCAN!)
350 Bay Area Action
Protect Wild Petaluma
Good Earth Natural Foods
Récolte Energy
Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (FHBP)
Russian Riverkeeper
People & Pollinators Action Network
Norwalk River Watershed Association
Climate Land Leaders
Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)
Maryland Votes for Animals
Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) Action Fund
Maryland Pesticide Education Network (MPEN)
Bee Friendly Williamstown
Watertown Community Gardens
Michiganders for a Just Farming System
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey
Los Jardines Institute
Voters For Animal Rights
Klamath Forest Alliance
Protect Our Pollinators
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
350 Seattle

CC: Members of the House of Representatives