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Nevada Farm Bureau Testimony On AB 275

For the record, my name is Doug Busselman. I am the Executive Vice President of Nevada Farm Bureau. We are testifying today in opposition to AB 275.

Farm Bureau's policy position supports the continued use of the neonicotinoid pesticide group for agricultural and horticultural crops. We understand that AB 275 will not prohibit the use of neonicotinoid products, but does direct the Nevada Department of Agriculture to classify neonicotinoid as restricted use pesticides.

Based on our research there is no evidence of any negative impacts in Nevada, caused by the limited use of neonicotinoid products.

We believe the Nevada Department of Agriculture has the responsibility of oversight, with the authority, and also the process for taking action to protect people and the environment, when there is a necessity to designate products as restricted use. The Federal EPA also has the ability to designate restricted uses. It seems that having the legislature dictate what products should be designated as restricted use sets a troubling precedent.

Neonicotinoids are very effective insecticide technology and are among the safest pesticides for people, animals and the environment.

If the Nevada Department of Agriculture were to have a basis for making a restricted use designation for any pesticide product -- the normal process should be used for making this type of change without Legislative directives.

Thank you for considering our views on AB 275. We encourage the committee to not move this legislation forward.