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PESTICIDE POLICY COALITION

A Coalition Working for Sound Pest Management Policies

April 28, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

The Pesticide Policy Coalition supports the “Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026” (H.R. 7567), including the bill’s provisions that ensure that growers, public health officials, landowners and other pesticide applicators continue to have access to the tools needed to manage pests that harm our food supply, public health, global competitiveness, and infrastructure. We request your support for American agriculture and urge your conference members to vote “no” on Amendment #28.

The PPC is a coalition of organizations that represent millions of American farmers and the broader ecosystem of agriculture, food, fiber, public health, pest management, landscape, environmental, and related industries who support sound science and the risk-based regulation of pesticides. PPC members and represented stakeholders use pesticides to safely grow crops, to adopt conservation practices such as conservation tillage and resource-saving crop rotations, to protect homes and infrastructure, to control pathogens and disease vectors, and to maintain green spaces.

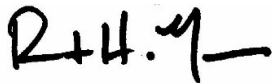
The pesticide provisions in the 2026 Farm Bill address real and compounding pressures facing American farmers and land managers. Striking these provisions would weaken the home-grown supply chain that underpins American health and agriculture.

- The PPC supports the Farm Bill’s provisions that reinforce and strengthen federal authority related to human health and other risk assessments under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) on federal pesticide labels. As co-regulators of pesticides, states have every right to build on the federal government’s baseline regulations but should not require additional labeling or packaging requirements that directly contradict the scientific conclusions of the EPA.

- Since the 1970s, state lead agencies have worked with the EPA through cooperative agreements to administer and enforce FIFRA and support the development of scientifically based pesticide labels. The Farm Bill codifies oversight of pesticides at the state level. Although 46 states have adopted some form of pesticide preemption, some local jurisdictions continue to promote pesticide ordinances that differ from state requirements, creating a confusing patchwork of regulation and undermining confidence in public health and protection of the food supply.
- Finally, the PPC supports the Farm Bill's provisions related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for pesticide applications. These permits cost small businesses, cities, counties, and states significant resources and jobs and diminish public health protections. The FIFRA scientific and safety requirements for aquatic and other applications covered by the permit are scientifically rigorous and comprehensive, and requiring NPDES permits is duplicative of the long-standing FIFRA-based regulatory process.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We urge you and your colleagues to support American agriculture with the 2026 Farm Bill by opposing Amendment #28.

Sincerely,

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Bob Mann
Chair

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Jeff Blackwood
Vice Chair