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# Minnesota House of Representatives

August 26, 2021

Thom Petersen, Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
625 Robert Street North  
Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538

*Sent via electronic mail.*

Dear Commissioner Petersen,

We are writing to urge you to immediately suspend the registration and use of chlorpyrifos products, which have just been banned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in Minnesota.

As you know, chlorpyrifos is one of the most widely used organophosphate insecticides in the United States despite its link to neurological effects, persistent developmental disorders, autoimmune disorders, low birth weight, lower IQ and attention problems. For example, the American Academy of Pediatrics note that, "There is a wealth of science demonstrating the detrimental effects of chlorpyrifos exposure to developing fetuses, infants, children and pregnant women. The risk to infant and children's health and development is unambiguous."

Recently, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the leadership of President Joe Biden, banned the use of chlorpyrifos products on all food to protect human health, particularly children, farmworkers, and farmers.

According to the EPA, "Ending the use of chlorpyrifos on food will help to ensure children, farmworkers, and all people are protected from the potentially dangerous consequences of this pesticide. After the delays and denials of the prior administration, EPA will follow the science and put health and safety first."

We are writing to urge you protect the children, farmworkers and farmers of Minnesota and follow the lead of the Biden Administration by immediately suspending the registration and use of chlorpyrifos products in Minnesota. We must act on a state level to ban this dangerous neurotoxin and find better, safer and healthier ways to grow our food supply.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



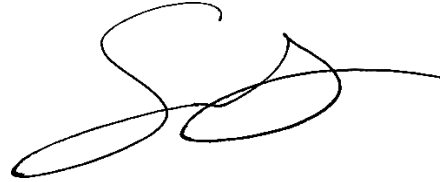
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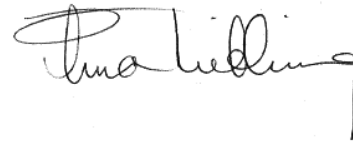
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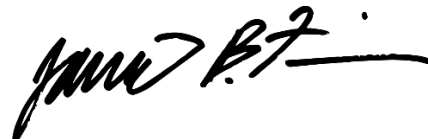
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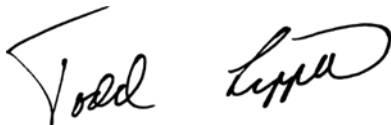
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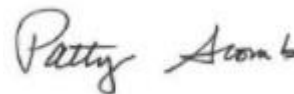
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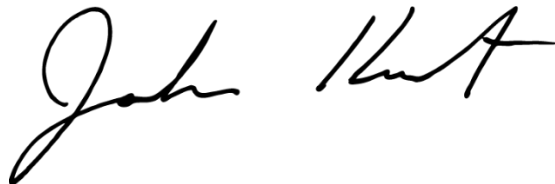
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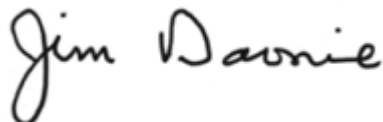
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