August 4, 2020

The Honorable Alexandra Dunn
Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Dunn,

I am writing you today to express my support for the registration of Xtendimax herbicide. I have worked in the seed industry for more than 20 years, for companies like Monsanto (now Bayer), Pioneer (now Corteva), and Latham Hi-Tech Seeds. Through my seed business experience in the United States and dozens of other countries, I have seen the consumer and farmer benefits of herbicides and herbicide tolerant technology.

Farmers tell us that they benefit when they have more options. In this case, more options for fighting weed resistance, especially with glyphosate resistant weeds like water hemp and palmer amaranth. Xtendimax is very effective against these tough, glyphosate resistant weeds. And when used according to the label we know it is a safe and effective weed management program.

There are very few new crop protection chemicals and soybean traits being created, so we know that we need to be great stewards of the technology we have. And finally, the farm economy and ag industry has been especially tough over the past several years with depressed commodity prices. Farmers need to take advantage of these new technologies to increase and protect their yields, and to control costs if they hope to make a profit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Schon
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