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Unscientific decisions must be reversed

Quick action will protect kids, farmworkers & pollinators

Dear Friend,

In an Executive Order issued last Wednesday, the new administration outlined priorities for protecting health and the environment, including a commitment to "listen to science" and "limit exposure to dangerous chemicals and pesticides." Yes!

Now it's our job to hold them to these commitments. We'll be working to press for real change in how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) makes decisions on pesticides — and we need you to join us.

As a first step, we're urging quick action to reverse some of the most harmful decisions on pesticides over the past four years. Sign onto our petition to the White House and EPA, today!

The Biden administration has already committed to reviewing the last administration's decision to reverse course on a planned ban of the brain-harming insecticide chlorpyrifos, their reduced protections for farmworkers from pesticide drift, and the recent ruling that limits what science can be used to make decisions on pesticides.

These are excellent steps, and we urge the new leaders to move these reviews forward quickly and take bold, justice-oriented, and science-based action. We also ask that they take urgent action on the following:

Keep aldicarb and paraquat off the market. The neurotoxic insecticide aldicarb, approved for use on oranges in the final days of the outgoing administration, was withdrawn from the U.S. market in 2010 and has been banned in more than 100 other countries. Reauthorization of the herbicide paraquat, which is the most deadly pesticide still in use in this country today, is in final stages at the agency. Chronic exposure to paraquat increases risk of Parkinson's disease.

Reverse decisions on atrazine, dicamba, glyphosate, isoxaflutole and sulfoxaflor. All of these pesticides have been approved for continued use — or had uses expanded — within the last year. "Listening to science" will reveal the unacceptable and unnecessary risks these chemicals pose to farmers, farmworkers, rural families, children and pollinators.

In the case of dicamba, "listening to farmers" will additionally underscore the harms of this drift-prone herbicide — millions of crop acres have already been damaged over

the past three years, bringing financial devastation to farmers who had chosen not to purchase seeds genetically engineered to tolerate it.

Sign our petition urging rapid action on these dangerous pesticides today. We'll deliver directly to the White House and the incoming EPA administrator.

Then keep an eye out for how you can help us press the administration to make the longer term changes needed to build a food and farming system that's healthy, resilient and just.

Thanks for all you do.

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