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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Wheeler,

We write to encourage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make a timely decision regarding the reregistration of low-volatile dicamba formulations to control weeds in cotton and soybeans genetically engineered to tolerate dicamba. This action from EPA will provide farmers with much needed certainty ahead of the 2021 growing season.

Farmers in our districts, and across the country, continue to deal with ongoing market disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Almost overnight, producers were confronted with dramatic price impacts and the stagnation of major supply chains. As the sector looks ahead to the next growing season, producers are seeking to make effective business decisions that will help their operations financially recover. By making a timely determination concerning the reregistration of low-volatility dicamba formulations, EPA can provide cotton and soybean farmers ample time ahead of the next growing season to assess the weed management options that will be available to them. Providing producers sufficient time to make these decisions is crucial for both their bottom line and the overall success of their integrated weed management systems.

When making a determination concerning the reregistration of these products, we entrust that EPA will adhere to the rigorous scientific review process as set out in the Federal Fungicide, Rodenticide and Insecticide Act and the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act of 2018. Doing so is critical to ensure that products are both effective and safe for human health and the environment. EPA's ability to make a science-based determination on product registration is vital to ensuring industry and consumer confidence in the products that are available on the market.

We look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure that farmers can make effective weed management decisions that are based on the best available science.

Respectfully,

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