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*Via Federal Express*

Gina McCarthy, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
William Jefferson Clinton Bldg.
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Washington, DC 20460

RE: Petition for Emergency and Ordinary Suspension of Chlorpyrifos Uses that Pose Unacceptable Risks to Workers and Petition to Cancel All Uses of Chlorpyrifos

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

On behalf of United Farm Workers, League of United Latin American Citizens, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, National Hispanic Medical Association, Farmworker Association of Florida, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, Migrant Clinicians Network, Learning Disabilities Association of America, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, and GreenLatinos, we are filing the attached combined petition asking the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to suspend and cancel chlorpyrifos uses.

In the suspension petition, we ask EPA to suspend all uses of chlorpyrifos that: (1) pose unacceptable risks of acute pesticide poisonings to workers, as found by EPA in its Revised Human Health Risk Assessment in December 2014; and (2) pose unacceptable risks of brain impairments to children from prenatal exposures to their farmworker mothers, which occur at lower exposures and therefore encompass additional chlorpyrifos uses. In addition to seeking an ordinary suspension, we seek an emergency suspension to ensure workers will not be exposed to these risks of concern during the time it will take to put an ordinary suspension in place. The cancellation petition asks EPA to cancel all uses of chlorpyrifos to protect workers, their families, and the public from the harm caused by chlorpyrifos through our food, drinking water, work, and play.

Because this petition seeks immediate action to reduce imminent hazards that are occurring in agricultural regions throughout the country every year, we ask that you respond to this petition within 30 days.

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We also request a meeting with you and other pertinent EPA officials at your earliest convenience to discuss the urgency and necessity of the requested suspension order.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures