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PRIA Coalition Commends Congress for Passage of PRIA IV

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Members of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) Coalition applaud President Trump and leaders of the 116th Congress for passing a bipartisan, long-term PRIA reauthorization that will strengthen and improve pesticide registration through 2023. House and Senate leadership, Congressional appropriators and authorizing committees (House and Senate Ag, and House Energy and Commerce) have worked diligently over the past two years to preserve the benefits and process improvements first realized with PRIA's original enactment in 2004. The bill was signed by President Trump on Friday, March 8, 2019 and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to implement the law quickly.

The new law provides important resources to EPA to evaluate and register new pesticide products in a timely manner and review existing products to ensure that they meet today's scientific standards. As part of the registration and registration review processes, EPA assesses the benefits of the product and the hazards to human health and the environment that may be posed by the pesticide to ensure that it will not have unreasonable adverse effects on humans, the environment and non-target species, including endangered species.

Under the law, the pesticide industry will pay more than \$45 million in pesticide registration and maintenance fees annually through 2023, which will supplement federal appropriations, provide resources for EPA's registration and registration review efforts, create a more predictable and timely pesticide evaluation process, and fund worker protection training activities. PRIA 4 will also preserve important protections for pesticide applicators and farmworkers using pesticides through 2021.