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Samantha,

It was nice meeting you last week at our meeting with Administrator Pruitt at the EEOB. We are looking forward to working with you and the rest of his team. I thought I would follow up with you on four points that were raised during the meeting:

- **Regular NASDA-EPA Calls:** We appreciate the Administrator agreeing to hold regular calls with NASDA members. I would like to continue that conversation with you on how you would like to proceed with next steps.
- **Worker Protection Standard:** We greatly appreciated the Administrator's comments and willingness to bring regulatory relief to the troublesome Worker Protection Standard (WPS) final rule. I understand our request for relief (see attached) to the WPS implementation timeline is still pending review. We would welcome any actions EPA may be able to take in the immediate future to suspend implementation of this rule and initiate actions to revoke the changes that went into effect in 2015.
- **Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule:** We also appreciated the Administrator's attention on the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule. We were very pleased to see EPA delay the effective date of this rule to May 22, 2017. Due to a number of logistical and resource challenges states are facing across a range of pesticide-related program areas, we request an additional extension to the effective date and current implementation timeline, and we would also welcome the opportunity to dialogue with EPA on how the rule can be improved. We will be communicating more formally to the Agency in the very near future on the specific areas of concern associated with this final rule.
- **WOTUS:** Finally, we are thankful for the Administrator's actions to date on WOTUS and especially appreciated the federalism consultation the Agency hosted this week. We look forward to continuing to engage with EPA and the Corps in a robust consultation

process.

Again, we appreciated the Administrator's time last week and are excited to build a robust partnership with you and the rest of his team. Please don't hesitate letting me know if we—or our members—can be helpful to you and your colleagues.

Thank you,

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