



February 4, 2025

The Honorable Lee M. Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

Congratulations on your confirmation as EPA Administrator! CropLife America (CLA) and RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) will host our joint *Winter Boards Meeting* on March 18-19, 2025, at the Westin Arlington (801 North Glebe Street, Arlington, VA). CropLife America is the national trade association that represents the manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of agricultural pesticides. RISE is the national trade association that represents manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of specialty pesticides and fertilizers.

We understand that you have familiarity with agriculture and pesticide issues from interactions with growers in your home district of Suffolk County. As such, **we are truly pleased to invite you to speak to our joint boards to open our *EPA Dialogue* session on Wednesday, March 19 for 30 minutes, beginning at 9:00am Eastern.** Our members would welcome your insights as the new Administration's key leader in environmental policy and priorities for the agency and your plans for interacting with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and increasing the timeliness and predictability of pesticide registrations by regulators in the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). Your remarks will be followed by a panel of leaders **from OPP and from the Office of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.**

The *EPA Dialogue* session is an essential part of two days of activities with the CLA Board of Directors and RISE Governing Board, who represent the top leaders of their companies in the U.S. and companies with which you are likely very familiar. The event provides an opportunity for both organizations' board members and leaders, from the agriculture and non-agricultural pesticide industries, to engage in policy discussions, share ideas, and participate in strategic planning.

Thank you for considering our request. If you are unable to accept our invitation, we would be very open to a senior surrogate from the Administrator's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (202) 872-3850 or via email at adunn@croplifeamerica.org.

Best regards,

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Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
President and CEO
CropLife America

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