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A Coalition Working for Sound Pest Management Policies

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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte, Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

The Pesticide Policy Coalition (PPC) respectfully requests your support of pending legislation needed to implement three international agreements intended to reduce the global use and transport of Persistent Organic Pollutants, or POPs. H.R. 3849 would effectively amend U.S. law, thereby allowing Congress to implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent and the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, negotiated under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution.

Although the U.S. has signed these treaties, we cannot implement the treaties until Congress adopts legislation incorporating their terms into domestic law. These agreements were negotiated with significant financial and technical input from U.S. negotiators; yet we continue to observe a limited, non-voting role in ongoing deliberations because the treaties have yet to be ratified.

H.R. 3849 would implement the treaties and provide the legal authority necessary for the United States to fully participate in the Conventions. In order to protect domestic interests in this ongoing process, we believe that it is critical that US negotiators have a full and vocal seat at the international table. Additionally, H.R. 3849 provides a scientific regulatory standard that is consistent with our current regulatory process and allows U.S. decision makers to maintain this protocol when making future chemical and risk management decisions.

PPC respectfully requests your support in adopting H.R. 3849 into law, thus allowing the U.S. to fully participate in these agreements.

PPC members represent a wide range of pesticide users, manufacturers and distributors on all policy matters relating to the safe use and availability of pest control tools. We are committed to working with the administration and Congress to ensure favorable U.S. participation and leadership in these international agreements.

Sincerely,

Rebeckah Freeman Adcock, Chair

CC: The Honorable Collin Peterson, Ranking
The Honorable Frank Lucas