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RE: Nominations to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel

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Dear Dr. King:

On behalf of the Entomological Society of America (ESA), we appreciate the opportunity to nominate Jeffrey G. Scott, PhD as a candidate for the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP).

Dr. Scott is a highly accomplished and distinguished researcher in the fields of toxicology and entomology at Cornell University. In a career spanning four decades, his research focuses on pesticide toxicology, insect biology and pest management. He studies both fundamental and applied questions regarding the interconnections of insecticide resistance, evolutionary biology, genetics, insecticide toxicology, and metabolism. In addition to being a highly productive scientist, as illustrated by Dr. Scott's >195 peer reviewed publications, he is respected for his collaborative interactions with other researchers across industry and academia. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including being named a Fellow of the Entomological Society of America, one of the most prestigious awards an entomologist can receive. The designation of ESA Fellow recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to entomology in one or more of the areas of research, teaching, or extension and outreach.

Furthermore, Dr. Scott has experience interacting with and serving a variety of federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), both as a grantee and review panelist. Dr. Scott's expertise in the field of entomology would allow him to make meaningful contributions to FIFRA SAP regarding pesticide and pesticide-related issues. The inclusion of entomologists on FIFRA SAP is critical for providing a necessary perspective and thoughtful recommendations regarding insecticides, and those which may be used where people live and work. As invertebrates continue to influence biodiversity, food security, and public safety, it is vital that entomologists familiar with these intersectional concerns, like Dr. Scott, play a continued role in advising pesticide policy. For example, Dr. Scott's extensive work on pesticide toxicology and risk assessment (research and teaching activities) position him to provide valuable scientific advice, information, and recommendations to EPA as a member of the committee. In addition to his expertise in entomology, Dr. Scott has a diverse scientific background, including in the areas of genetics, genomics, biotechnology, biology, biochemistry, and neurobiology, which makes him well-equipped to bring a highly relevant and far reaching skill set to FIFRA SAP.

ESA, the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of nearly 7,000 entomologists and individuals in related disciplines, believes Dr. Scott's distinguished scientific career would make him an excellent addition to FIFRA SAP, and we encourage you to strongly consider his nomination.

Sincerely,

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