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Submitted Electronically

Rep. Dennis Johnson, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee, djohnson@nd.gov
Rep. Wayne A. Trottier, Vice Chairman, House Agriculture Committee, wtrottier@nd.gov
Members of the House Agriculture Committee
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

RE: House Bill 1338

Dear Chairman Johnson, Vice Chairman Trottier, and Committee Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC) in support of House Bill 1338, entitled Certification Requirements during a Declared Emergency. The bill grants the Pesticide Control Board the ability to temporarily waive the statutory requirement for applicator certifications when a statewide disaster or emergency is declared.

Disinfection against viruses and pathogens is critical to stop the spread of highly contagious pathogens. North Dakota regulation requires additional certification of state applicator licenses in order to perform general disinfection against viruses and pathogens like COVID-19. Certification is dependent on testing. However, as we learned with COVID-19, in a state of emergency, access to test centers and the ability to acquire licenses becomes increasingly challenging. The testing requirement also creates problems when the state of emergency involves a public health crisis that calls for increased demand and need for disinfection services.

CBC supports HB 1338 as it will allow for the continued ability for pesticide applicators to provide disinfection services during a declared emergency. We appreciate the House's consideration of this letter of support.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [Komal Jain@americanchemistry.com](mailto:Komal.Jain@americanchemistry.com) or (202) 249-6212.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Komal Jain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Komal" being more prominent than the last name "Jain".

Komal K. Jain
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Center for Biocide Chemistries