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Senator Larry Luick, Chairman Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senator Janne Mrydal, Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Agriculture
Members of the House Agriculture Committee
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

RE: North Dakota House Bill 1338

Dear Chairman Luick:

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, Certification Requirements during a Declared Emergency, which would grant the Pesticide Control Board the ability to temporarily waive the statutory requirement for these certifications when a statewide disaster or emergency is declared.

By regulation, in order to perform general disinfection against viruses and pathogens like COVID-19, additional certification on state applicator licenses is required by the state. This additional certification requires testing. 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 inability to obtain the additional certification, however, should not hinder the necessary response when the state of emergency involves a public health crisis that calls for increased demand and need for disinfection services. CBC therefore 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 or (202) 249-6212.

Sincerely,

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