



# **PRIA 5: Importance of Funding the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs**

## *Why the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act Needs Clean Reauthorization*

### **Some of the essential uses of pesticides regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency include:**

- *Keeping fleas off pets*
- *Preventing bed bug infestations in hotels*
- *Sanitizing surfaces and equipment in hospitals, restaurants and at the barber shop*
- *Managing invasive and non-native species that impact ecosystems*
- *Preventing rodent and termite damage to structures*
- *Keeping utility and transportation rights of way clear*
- *Creating firebreaks in forests*
- *Growing our food.*

Whether they are used by consumers, professional applicators or farmers, pesticides make our daily lives and our communities healthier and safer.

### **Current Situation**

- The pesticide industry is advocating for higher annual federal appropriations funding for Office of Pesticide Programs, as well as looking towards the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act – **PRIA 5** – to give the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the necessary resources to register new and innovative pesticide products so the pesticide industry can continue to provide the products that protect people, places and our environment, and grow our food.
- PRIA 5 provides for sufficient funding for EPA to register pesticides in a predictable way so companies can provide the solutions customers need.
- PRIA is supported by the pesticide industry, environmental non-governmental organizations, federal and state regulators and pesticide applicators – all of whom remain committed to the continued success of the program.

### **PRIA Background**

- First passed in 2004, the *Pesticide Registration Improvement Act*, otherwise known as PRIA, set up the fee-for-service program that funds part of the EPA's pesticide registration program. From its inception PRIA has had the support of pesticide manufacturers, environmental NGOs, professional pesticide applicators, growers and members of Congress.
- **The current PRIA expires on September 30, 2023.** It's authorized for five years at a time, to give industry and EPA a chance to review how it's working. It has been reauthorized three times since 2004, most recently in 2019, and has had bipartisan support each time.
- The fees collected from pesticide manufacturers support business predictability within the pesticide registration process, giving companies established timelines for bringing new products and new product uses to the marketplace.

### **The Ask**

- **Passing a clean reauthorization of PRIA in 2022 with no extraneous issues attached.**
- **Seeking bipartisan support for PRIA 5 in 2022.**
- **Funding EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs so it has the resources it needs to register new pesticides and new pesticide uses, which will give consumers, professionals and growers the tools they need to manage the pests in and around our homes, communities, environment, and on the farm.**

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