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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

As farmer leaders representing more than 300,000 corn growers across 27 states, the National Corn Growers Association and the undersigned states share the common goal of providing safe and abundant crops which support the health of Americans, including vulnerable populations such as children. However, we write to express our concerns about the policy recommendations that will appear in the Make our Children Healthy Again Strategy document that is expected to be released in early August by the MAHA Commission.

Our alarm stems from the initial assessment, released in May, which raised pesticide safety questions that have already been answered repeatedly over the decades by research and regulatory agencies. If such language is included in the final report, it could significantly hamper the work of America's farmers and raise prices on consumers without providing any additional layer of safety for the American public.

The MAHA report ignores the extensive science-based research and testing showing that pesticides, including atrazine and glyphosate, can be used safely for their intended uses. The report contained numerous errant claims regarding pesticides, often supported by poor or misinterpreted evidence to imply adverse health claims related to these products and erode public trust in the safety of our nation's food supply.

The language in the report threatens to hobble the efforts of farmers to access the critical tools they need to plant and harvest their crops. And, if the pesticides mentioned in the report were to disappear completely, our data show that crop yields could decrease by more than 70% due to pests, weeds and disease.

Pesticides are some of the most tested and regulated products in the world. The U.S. regulatory framework is the global gold standard. Every pesticide approved for use must submit dozens, if not hundreds, of test results for EPA review and consideration, including tests examining potential effects on child development, dietary exposure, and long-term toxicity. The EPA's

reviews, required by law, are repeated at least every 15 years, or sooner if new data becomes available.

While we appreciate that members of your administration have met with agricultural groups and leaders in recent weeks, our farmers remain deeply troubled. The initial assessment and a long list of unfounded statements that key architects of the MAHA report have repeated, are prime fodder for trial attorneys seeking to profit and protectionist trading partners who are determined to erect barriers to American agricultural products.

We call on you to intervene by ensuring that the Commission respects and reinforces EPA's robust science- and risk-based regulation of pesticides, and that the report does not unnecessarily jeopardize critical farming tools.

We welcome the opportunity to work more closely with your administration, including the MAHA Commission, to discuss the many ways in which farmers are responsible stewards of the land, using cutting edge tools and technologies on their farms, to continue to provide a safe and affordable food and fuel supply for our nation.

We hope you will consider our requests. Should you or your staff have questions, we would be happy to meet with you to discuss this issue in more detail.

Sincerely,

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