

FOR NPMA MEMBERS ONLY – NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO POLICYMAKERS

PESTICIDE PREEMPTION IN-DISTRICT OFFICE GUIDE

NPMA has three targeted groups for our August recess district outreach meetings. Your meeting with a member or staffer will fall into one of the three categories:

- ▶ Republican Leadership & Agriculture Committee Members
- ▶ Democrat Targets
- ▶ General Republican Members

To help you better target your messaging with these offices, below are some specific talking points for offices in the three categories. Many of the staff NPMA has already met with were new to the issues and/or the office, so they may not be well versed in pesticide preemption. Because the Farm Bill is just over a year away, they may also not feel an urgency to bring this to their Representative/Senator immediately. It's important to emphasize that as a constituent, you feel very passionately about this, and that it affects your business.

Bipartisan Agriculture Committee Members

- ▶ Emphasize how important this issue is to you as a constituent.
- ▶ Emphasize the long-term concerns if this is not fixed federally. Some states have had efforts to remove preemption, so this is a genuine worry about the future. Make sure to also emphasize the regulatory uncertainty that comes from a local patchwork of pesticide regulations.
- ▶ Ask them what questions they have with the preemption provision. (*You should have the FAQ document NPMA prepared handy to help answer any questions.*)
- ▶ Follow-up: Make sure you note any specific concerns or questions the office had. This way NPMA can follow up with supporting information as needed and find out where the pressure points are for this office.
- ▶ HOUSE MEETINGS: Ask them if they would be willing to co-sponsor our legislation, H.R. 7266 and/or whether they would consider making this a priority for the Farm Bill. (*Note their response in the feedback form after the meeting.*)
- ▶ SENATE MEETINGS: Ask them if their boss would be willing to consider this a priority for the Farm Bill.

Bipartisan Agriculture Committee Members

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-023)

Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA-01)

Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-012)

Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-002)

Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN-004)

Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-012)

Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-003)

Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX-027)

Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-001)

Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-013)

Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-004)

Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA-004)

Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-007)

Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-004)

Rep. Chris Jacobs (R-NY-027)

Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD-001)

Rep. Trent Kelly (R-MS-001)

Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-001)

Rep. Elise Stefanik

Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL-06)

Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA-005)

Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-001)

Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL-002)

Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-007)

Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA-008)

Rep. G.T. Thompson (R-PA-15)

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS)

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)

Sen. John Thune (R-SD)

Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)

Sen. John Hoeven III (R-ND)

Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

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Democratic Targets

- ▶ Emphasize how important this issue is to you as a constituent.
- ▶ Dem offices will want to hear more about the scientific and public health aspect of the bill. This is a good time to talk about specific, on the ground implications for your company. If you are in AK/NV/MD/ ME, talk about how the lack of regulatory certainty impacts you. If in another state, talk about how preemption allows your company to apply pesticides that are backed by science and protect public health with consistency across the state on which pesticides can be used. You should also mention how states have the funding available to assist in compliance and enforcement, whereas a locality does not.
- ▶ Ask them what questions they have regarding the preemption provision. *(You should have the FAQ document NPMA prepared handy to help answer any questions.)* This will likely be a free-flowing discussion based on their concerns. Remember, if you get a question you don't know, you do not have to answer, just write it down and let them know NPMA's lobbyist will follow up with them.
- ▶ If an office seems unsure, ask "Would it be helpful for me to connect you with additional constituents from our industry to share their perspectives?" Phrasing it as a question will allow you to see if they are actually open to being convinced ("*Sure, would like to hear from them*") or uninterested in being convinced (any sort of noncommittal answer.)
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Democratic Target List

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD-05)
 Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC-06)
 Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA-05)
 *Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-08)
 Rep. David Scott (D-GA-013)
 Delegate Stacey Plaskett (D-VI-001)
 Delegate Gregorio Sablan (D-MP-001)
 Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-012)
 Rep. Cindy Axne (D-IA-003)
 Rep. Sanford Bishop Jr. (D-GA-002)
 Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL-017)
 Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-024)
 Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA-046)
 Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-016)
 Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-002)
 Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-010)
 Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT-005)
 Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-017)
 Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-002)

Rep. Annie Kuster (D-NH-002)
 Rep. Al Lawson Jr. (D-FL-005)
 Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY-018)
 Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA-002)
 Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-001)
 Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-020)
 Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-001)
 Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-008)
 Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-007)
 Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)
 Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)
 Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
 Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)
 Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
 Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
 Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
 Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
 Sen. Ben Lujan (D-NM)
 Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

Republican Members

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