



June 17, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves,

On behalf of RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment), the national trade association representing manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of specialty pesticides and fertilizers used by both professionals and consumers, I write to express our support for the recently introduced bills to be included in a Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting reform package, including H.R. 3824, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2025, and other commonsense reform bills advanced by members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The introduction of this package represents a necessary and timely first step in providing much-needed clarity and efficiency around CWA permitting. For far too long, the permitting process has been marked by regulatory confusion and redundant requirements that ultimately hinder, rather than help, effective environmental protection.

This legislative package will help streamline federal reviews, reduce administrative delays, and provide greater regulatory certainty for permit seekers and holders. Most critically, H.R. 3824 removes duplicative permitting requirements under the CWA for certain pesticide applications already regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This reform allows professional applicators to respond more swiftly to pest pressures that threaten public health, ecosystems, and infrastructure, without compromising environmental safeguards. Furthermore, the reforms proposed in H.R. 3824 will empower state and local governments to better prioritize and reallocate their limited resources toward environmental programs that deliver real benefits—rather than on overlapping federal permitting obligations that do not enhance public health or environmental outcomes.

We commend the leadership of the Committee and the bill sponsors for advancing a package that restores clarity, upholds science-based regulation, and reinforces the role of state and local decision-makers in water quality protection. We urge swift passage of this important legislation and look forward to working with you to see these reforms enacted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan J. Provost", written in a cursive style.

Megan J. Provost
President