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Good morning

I was out of town the last two days and have just seen this message. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend your board meeting. I am in Portland speaking at a conference on patient safety and antibiotic usage.

I would like the board to consider the potential easing of pesticide restrictions in public health emergencies involving mosquito borne disease such as EEE and WNV. These can be diseases of significant human consequence with severe morbidity and mortality. Unfortunately the ability to predict when and where these diseases will arise is challenging but when we do identify risk—usually by finding positive mosquitoes—or positive animals such as horses or game birds, we need to consider acting fast to minimize human risk. The challenge is that our detection systems often tell us that the problem is here now and our ability to respond may be quite delayed given the regulations on pesticide usage. One of the tools to minimize risk to humans is to eradicate mosquitoes if possible in defined geographic risk areas. This has been successfully used in other locales such as New Hampshire, Texas, Massachusetts to name a few.

Therefore I think it would be prudent to examine our present restrictions on pesticide usage. Perhaps in extreme situations of human risk there could be some controlled ability of municipalities to use pesticides. I would appreciate the thoughts of your board on this matter

Thanks very much for your consideration.

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