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Ms. Patterson,

I'd like to make a comment of support for Item 6 on the Board's meeting agenda for 8/27/2021. Item 6 is "Discussion of Powered Application of Disinfectants and Licensing Requirements". During the height of COVID-19 exposures local fire departments and HAZMAT response teams were busy disinfecting public facilities, nursing homes, public safety equipment, jails, etc. following suspected and confirmed contamination with the COVID-19 virus.

With the delta variant prevalent in Maine, we have begun receiving requests for disinfection services. As you are aware, our licensing exemptions to do such work expired on June 30, 2021. I strongly request the Board of Pesticides Control implement an emergency rule to relax is requirements for licensure. In similar fashion to the Governor's expired Executive Order 7A. I also highly encourage the board to remove all such licensing requirements for powered applicators when used by qualified hazardous materials response technicians for public health and safety purposes.

Sincerely,

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