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Re: House Bill 5700 (2022)

Dakota Soda,

I am submitting written testimony in opposition to the House Bill 5700 (2022)

I currently have a Michigan Commercial Pesticide License Number C005910220, based in the State of Indiana. I am currently a licensed Applicator in several other states, including Michigan, and have been licensed since 1977.

The thought of holding out of state Applicators to a lesser standard than Michigan based Applicators, defeats all the progress of the MDARD and the Michigan Aerial Applicator Association (MAAA). These Organizations have worked so hard over the past 30+ years, to improve safety, application techniques, and preservation of the environment. Together, MDARD and MAAA hold an annual fly-in clinic for inspection and calibration of Agricultural Aircraft systems. These clinics are available to all Aerial Applicators, regardless of where the Applicator is located.

One example: many States do not have a requirement for Dry Break loading equipment. The Dry Break system eliminates any leakage or spillage during the loading process of the aircraft. The MDARD aircraft inspection brings this requirement to the attention of the out of state applicator so they may be in compliance.

Please do not amend section 8315(2).

Sincerely,



Ralph Lutes