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Honorable Co-Chairs and members:

Thank you for accepting my letter last night and the opportunity to comment today. I am sorry I was a bit disjointed, but I had really hoped ADEC Pesticide would have been asked to attend and explain their 2013 revision. As I stated, I think they are required to stay out of legislative issues unless asked to testify, and perhaps that did not occur.

Once again please rest assured that their actions in 2013 were wholly in line with saving The State thousands of dollars on hearings that the environmentalists have told people will stall pesticide applications. Since the testimony they always give is mostly worst case scenario, out-weighted science and lots of emotion it is extremely redundant. The environmental movement has abused the public comment process for many years to slow down what is otherwise a well thought out plan.

The 2013 revisions actually tightened up the requirements for determining usage based on an IPM approach (which includes alternative considerations) AND requiring that these IPM programs be made available on their website prior to application (<https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/pest/IPM.html>). There are currently 5 such IPM programs registered on the website at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/pest/pe.htm> I would recommend you take some time to see how they work.

While I am sure you are required politically to approve this bill since one of the co-sponsors is on your committee, I would really urge you to contact ADEC Pesticide first so that it can be passed along with more meaningful data to Resources.

Respectfully

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