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Dear Mr. Keigwin:

On behalf of the over 6,000 members of the Entomological Society of America (ESA), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Acting Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP).

ESA is the largest entomological society in the world and includes thousands of experts on insects and other arthropods, and the impacts that they have on all aspects of humanity, from food production to public health, and biodiversity. I would like to offer our membership as a resource for you as you and your department develop and implement policy. We stand ready as a source of entomological expertise for you and EPA-OPP.

In particular, I want to make sure that you are aware that ESA funds a Subject Matter Expert (SME) to be a direct conduit of information and dialogue between ESA and EPA-OPP. Dr. Allan Felsot from Washington State University, is our current SME and he can be reached at afelsot@tricity.wsu.edu or (509) 372-7365. More locally we are represented in Washington D.C. by Lewis Burke Associates. Our team leader, Dr. Erin Cadwalader, can be reached at erin@lewis-burke.com or (202) 289-7475.

If we can be of service to you as a resource to help inform public policy, please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan J. Weller".

Dr. Susan J. Weller
President, Entomological Society of America