Dear Speaker White,

The undersigned organizations are dedicated to supporting and advocating for farmers, agricultural sustainability, and economic growth across Mississippi. That is why we are writing today to strongly support HB 1221 "Pesticides approved for registration and labeling by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under FIFRA; exempt manufacture and sale from liability actions." By adopting this legislation, Mississippi can provide our farming community the confidence they need to use effective, pesticides while protecting the agricultural industry from unscrupulous legal challenges that are jeopardizing Mississippi farms, disrupting food production, and increasing grocery costs nationwide.

Agriculture is Mississippi's largest industry, contributing over $8.7 billion annually to the state's economy and providing jobs for nearly 17% of our workforce. From eggs and meat to soybeans, cotton, and grains, this industry not only drives our economic success and growth, but it feeds our families. And the success of Mississippi's agriculture sector depends on certainty and access to innovative, effective pesticides.

HB 1221 provide the clarity and certainty our agricultural community needs, and it will ensure our farmers can rely on science-based regulations to make informed decisions about the tools they need to safely grow crops. This legislation is not only a safeguard for farmers but also for consumers, who depend on affordable, nutritious food grown right here in Mississippi.

We appreciate your commitment to our state and respectfully ask that you support HB 1221 Passing this legislation will protect Mississippi's farmers and consumers, encourage agricultural innovation, and ensure our economy is stronger and more resilient.

Sincerely,

Catfish Farmers of Mississippi
Delta Council
Mississippi Agricultural Industry Council
Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
Mississippi Farm Bureau
Mississippi Hospitality and Restaurant Association
Mississippi Seedsmen's Association
Mississippi Sweet Potato Council