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Hi Paul,

Please find attached a support letter from me regarding the Coragen Section 18C request. I would appreciate it if you would share this with the Board members and staff.

Regards,
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Hello:

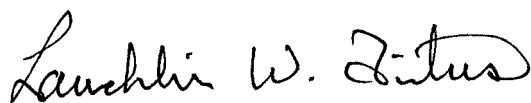
I am writing today in support of the Section 18 request for the Dupont product Coragen that is on the agenda for the June 13th Board meeting.

I work with several potato growers in the central Maine area in my role as a private crop consultant. In recent years, Colorado Potato Beetles (CPB) have developed high levels of resistance to neonicotinoid chemistry products that had served us extremely well for several years to control this yield robbing insect pest. As several of the Board members are aware, CPB has developed resistance to many classes of insecticide chemistry fairly quickly. Our growers have been relying on just a couple of products in the past three years to maintain control of this pest.

A new product will allow for better chemistry rotation and help to preserve the usefulness of all of the chemistries currently in use in the central Maine area. I understand that the insect pressure in central Maine is much more intensive and with more resistance present than is found in Aroostook county.

I attended a training program on Coragen (active ingredient Rynaxapyr) this past winter. It is my understanding this product has a longer residual (10-14 days) compared with some materials currently being used (3 days for spinosad). It is also useful for control of European Corn Borers in potatoes. This can also be a serious pest in some years in central Maine. Currently, growers may have to make two applications of two different chemistries to control both ECB and CPB. Coragen may reduce the number of spray applications potato growers need to make as a result of the fact that the product controls both pests and has the relatively longer residual control. I left the training seminar very excited about the potential for Maine potato growers to have access to Coragen.

Sincerely yours,



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