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Megan Patterson  
Maine Board of Pesticides Control  
28 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

Dear Ms. Patterson,

The Maine Mobile Health Program (MMHP) and Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) would like to provide an update to and a request for support from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control of a continued collaborative effort to deliver EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) education to Maine’s farmworkers during the 2019 harvest season.

In 2018, through support of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control, MMHP and EMDC collaborated to hire a staff person to deliver WPS trainings. The Pesticide Safety Trainer offered WPS education to a total of 421 farmworkers across the state during the months of June – August, especially among broccoli and blueberry workers and at a variety of diversified farms. Beyond the WPS standard, trainings provided use curricula from the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) on occupational safety. A development during the past season included new content in the curriculum for take home exposure called “Limiting Exposure Around Families” which was enhanced to include content focused on pesticide exposure and pregnancy. The table below breaks down, by education topic, important outcomes in 2018 completed by this staff person.

FWs trained in Worker Protection Standard	421
FWs trained in Take Home Exposure	421
Heat Stress Trainings	421

For 2019, the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) has committed \$3,333 to EMDC and MMHP in support of WPS training. EMDC and MMHP plan to use these funds to support the staff time for multilingual WPS trainings services to farmworkers across the state. We request from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control a contribution of \$5,360 which we would leverage with the funds from AFOP. The funding from the Board of Pesticides Control will be used to fund the staffing of WPS trainings; including both the hourly wage and the travel required to reach farmworkers, growers and partners. We request that the funding be made directly to MMHP.



improving the health status of Maine's seasonal workers and their families by providing culturally appropriate care and services.

We thank the Board for its past support and for considering this current proposal. To contact us about this request or our activities, please feel free to contact Chris Huh by email ([chuh@emdc.org](mailto:chuh@emdc.org)) or phone (207-610-1521). We look forward to meeting with the Board to discuss this opportunity.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Charles McGough".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Huh".

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