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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

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Subject: Statement of Legal Authority for proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations for

Enforcement of the Virginia Pesticide Law (2 VAC 20-20)

I have reviewed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of the Virginia Pesticide Law (2 VAC 20-20). In my view, as counsel to the Commissioner, the Department, and the Board, the regulations and amendments thereto may be promulgated pursuant to authority granted by §§ 3.1-249.30 and 2.2-4012.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits, or public policy implications, of the proposed regulations.