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Mr. Rodney Snyder
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Dear Mr. Snyder:

I write in support of Congressman Sanford Bishop's letter regarding the need for a robust interagency review and coordination process for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) forthcoming draft assessment of formaldehyde under the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS).

EPA asked the National Academy of Sciences to review this assessment this year and, ahead of its public release, a copy of the draft assessment was shared with some federal agencies in late 2021, with a deadline to comment of a few short weeks and over the holidays. Given the importance of this chemistry and the potential economic impact to Ohio's Third Congressional District, I am requesting that the EPA provide additional time to allow agencies like the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to adequately comment on the draft assessment.

I ask that you provide these key federal agencies at least 60 days to review the draft assessment and provide comments. Furthermore, EPA should act in a manner consistent with past practice and post those interagency comments and the EPA's responses at the time the draft assessment is released and prior to the peer review.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Valentine on my staff at todd.valentine@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress