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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

RE: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Ruling (Opinion No. 19-70115)

Administrator Wheeler:

I am disappointed to learn about the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's decision to vacate the EPA's dicamba product registration. Dicamba is an important tool Iowa farmers use to protect their crops.

There are unanswered questions about the Ninth Circuit's decision. We are requesting that the EPA provides guidance about what this ruling means for producers in Iowa, and presents options to allow retailers and farmers to apply existing stocks during the 2020 growing season.

This ruling is creating uncertainty at a time when farmers are already heading into the fields to treat emerging crops and it leaves them without effective weed management tools.

EPA needs to pursue all available legal and administrative remedies at its disposal to defend its pesticide registration and approval process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Naig".

Mike Naig  
Iowa Secretary of Agriculture