

A Pivotal Moment in Georgia

We Need Your Help to Defend Our Industry's Tools and Protect Pesticide Preemption

As a CPCO Member, we need your help to ensure the Senate remains a backstop to those in Congress who are determined to swing the pendulum too far in the wrong direction and quickly attack our businesses and tools during the early days of the next administration. **We are asking that you show up to vote in Georgia on January 5th, 2021. We also must remind you that the GA Presidential recount does not impact the two Senate races. These will occur regardless of the outcome of the recount, so your next vote matters now more than ever. What we do today and over the next 7 weeks will define the next two years and beyond.**

Want to vote?

- Register here: <https://georgia.gov/how-do-i-register-vote> Find your polling place and other information here: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
- You can request an absentee ballot for the runoff beginning November 18th, 2020 and vote early beginning December 14th, 2020. The election is January 5th, 2021.

Turnout will be incredibly important in this election, and **we are asking everyone in the industry to go to the polls.**

Information on the Candidates: Friends of the Industry

While it's not our position to ask you to vote for a specific candidate, we do want to remind you that Senator Purdue has been a champion of the structural pest control industry during his time in office. From his testimony in favor of national preemption in the 2018 Farm Bill to his support for issues that impact our companies each day, Senator Purdue brings a fair and balanced approach in representing us in Washington, D.C.

Furthermore, Senator Loeffler is an active member of the Senate Ag Committee, putting her in a vital role to decide the outcome of the 2023 Farm Bill. As we've witnessed over these past months, in anticipation of a Biden presidency, anti-pesticide groups are organizing and uniting in their quest to drastically overhaul FIFRA in the next Farm Bill. We feel it is crucial to have allies like Senators Purdue and Loeffler in the majority so that reasonable voices are heard as these negotiations take place.

The 2020 Neguse bill will almost certainly be reintroduced next year and, if passed, would ban pesticides, totally dismantle preemption in all 50 states, and mandate that the EPA no longer incorporate the benefits of the products in risk determinations. This would be a huge blow to our industry. Activist groups will be pushing this bill, and others like it, so it is essential we elect members of Congress who understand how important our industry is to the protection of public health. In an evenly split Senate, it is easy to imagine this bill and others like it passing to President Biden's desk.

Don't think that the races won't be close. Both parties are pouring money into the state and activating their massive grassroots networks to win this battle. As we saw with the presidential election, the races may come down to a small margin of votes, and the outcome cannot be predicted.

In addition to voting, if you are interested in supporting either Senators Purdue or Loeffler, we have made it very easy.

- To volunteer, go [here](#).
- To give online, go [here for Senator Purdue](#) or [here for Senator Loeffler](#).
- You can also mail a contribution to either [here](#).

The structural pest control industry will receive recognition for all contributions made.

We need your help, and we need it now! Please make it a priority to defend our jobs, keep taxes on business reasonable and keep Washington balanced. **Get out and vote and strongly encourage your employees and colleagues to do the same. Please share this note with as many folks as you can.** We must stand up to those that want to cast our industry aside and limit our ability to provide the vital services our customers have come to expect from us.