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Mr. Henry Jennings, Director
Maine Board of Pesticides Control
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

Dear Mr. Jennings,

The Maine Migrant Health Program (MMHP) and Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) are pleased to inform the Maine Board of Pesticides Control of a plan to deliver EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) education to Maine's farmworkers during the 2012 agricultural season.

Outcomes over the past years have been achieved through MMHP's bilingual outreach to migrant camps and farms, as Spanish and Kreyol language proficiency is essential in serving the migrant population in Maine. Summer AmeriCorps members have greatly enhanced outreach efforts to educate farmworkers about pesticide safety.

In 2011 the MMHP/EMDC collaboration, with support from the Board of Pesticides Control, recruited two summer AmeriCorps members - one based in Midcoast and Downeast regions of Maine and one based in Aroostook - who together delivered WPS training to a total of 360 farmworkers. The following table breaks down, by service category, notable outcomes in 2011 completed by the two AmeriCorps members:

Pesticide Safety Trainings-Adults & Youth	360 ^c
Take Home Exposure training	208
Other Health Trainings (Heat Stress, Hypertension, Etc.)	54
Direct services (translation, transportation, food assistance, and other types of health/educational training)	540
Partnerships with growers, farmworker service providers, and migrant health providers	49
Referrals to other health, education, and supportive services	226



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In 2012, AmeriCorps funding (through the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs' SAFE Program) will be available to EMDC to support worker protection. The Maine Migrant Health Program plans to collaborate with EMDC by again recruiting two summer AmeriCorps members - one based in eastern Maine and one based in Aroostook, and at this time asks the Board to consider supporting this service important to growers and farmworkers in Maine by making a contribution. In previous years, support from the Board has provided the cash match needed to operate the AmeriCorps program. The required 2012 AmeriCorps cost share is **\$2,518 (\$1,259 per 450-hour member)**. Our request is that the funding be made directly to EMDC.

Thank you for your past support and for consideration of this request. For more information regarding Eastern Maine Development Corporation or the AFOP AmeriCorps program, you may contact me by email (chuh@emdc.org) or phone (207-610-1521). We look forward to meeting with the Board in January to further discuss this collaboration.

Best Regards,

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

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