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Advocating for progressive integrated pest management to improve environmental, social and economic conditions through the application of scientific principles.

IPM Voice Monthly Newsletter

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IPM Voice wants to hear *your* voice!

To date, our activities have largely focused on identifying key decision makers in Washington, and creating productive relationships and an ongoing dialogue on IPM benefits and needs. This outreach has generated a number of important outcomes to date.

Voice's mission also includes broader outreach - to potential users, and to consumers and taxpayers who are generally unaware of the benefits of supporting IPM through purchase decisions and public investment.

Your help is needed as we expand our capabilities to take on this broader outreach. Please take a moment to fill out our brief survey. Your ideas matter to us!

[SURVEY LINK](#)

Update on Farm Legislation and IPM

Three farm-related bills are now being considered by Congress: the Farm Bill, the Agricultural Appropriations Bill, and the Drought Bill. Click [here](#) to get the latest on all three!

Children's Health Task Force Act

On Monday July 30th, Congresswoman Slaughter (Ranking member, House Committee on Rules, NY) introduced HR 6207 The Children's Health Task Force Act of 2012. This inter-agency Task Force was established to address environmental health risks to children.

The Congresswoman's legislation would make this Task Force permanent by an act of Congress and provide funds for the group to produce biennial reports on strategies for addressing environment health risks to children. This can be an excellent avenue to advocate for IPM as a way to protect children from unneeded pesticide applications. Currently, all co-sponsors are democrats. We need to foster support by recruiting Republican co-sponsors. You can find a list of [past accomplishments](#) of the Task Force or see the press release [here](#).

IPM Voice Needs Your Support!

Please join or renew your IPM Voice membership by visiting <http://www.ipmvoice.org/join.htm>.

IPM Voice is an independent, non-profit organization advocating for integrated pest management (IPM) that is genuinely progressive and seeks continuous improvement of environmental, social and economic conditions through application of accepted scientific principles. IPM Voice was formed in 2010 by more than 35 professionals working to expand the benefits IPM has provided to agriculture and communities for more than 40 years.

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