

TO: Rep. Sundin
FROM: Scotts Miracle-Gro
DATE: April 4th, 2022
SUBJECT: Areas of Concerns in Omnibus Bill

Rep. Sundin

We are writing to you today to outline concerns relating to the following areas in your omnibus bill:

- Sec 14 – Plastic
- Sec 15 – Plastic-coated pesticide
- Sec 17 – Plastic-coated pesticide prohibited
- Sec 18 – Plastic
- Sec 19 – Plastic coated fertilizer
- Sec 20 – Plastic-coated fertilizer prohibited
- Sec 23 – Pesticide treated seed use and disposal; consumer guidance required

Scotts Miracle-Gro and related products are found around the world, here in Minnesota, in both our mom-and-pop hardware stores and our big box retailers. The SMG family of brands are among the most recognized in the world. Scotts has been in business since 1868, and has continually focused on innovation, introducing new and enhanced product formulations utilizing some of the best science available.

Scotts is a proud advocate of both the protections of water quality and quantity. In this case we have concerns that the language included in this policy will result in an overly broad application of the law, creating an adverse impact on products we currently sell. For example, certain polymers commonly used in home lawn and garden products allow for the slow release of nitrogen. These polymers slow down the release of nitrogen to meet the plants' needs but more importantly, they prevent excess nutrients from being swept into lakes and streams. There are a number of similar products used in commercial, home and agricultural settings that also use polymers to mitigate environmental risk.

And therefore, we cannot support it and ask that it be taken out of the bill.

Sincerely,

Michael Dimond