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AAPFCO Moves Biostimulant Language Moved From Committee, Focus Shifts to the Plant Biostimulant Act

Dear Esteemed Members of HPTA and Industry Peers,

In line with our commitment to informing you about the latest developments in the humic substances and the encompassing plant biostimulant industry, I am delighted to share some important updates that significantly impact our industry's future.

Recent AAPFCO Progress: Beneficial Substances Model Bill Advances

I am pleased to inform you that the Beneficial Substances Model Bill has made positive progress within AAPFCO. Following diligent efforts and collaboration by all committee participants, the Beneficial Substances Model Bill was recently advanced from the committee as 'official' to the general AAPFCO assembly for the final vote next February. This official vote marks a critical milestone in our pursuit of streamlined state regulation and standardized practices for the biostimulant sector. I won't say this is 'Mission Accomplished' yet but will

emphasize that it is uncommon for the General Membership to vote contrary to the committee.

Shifting Focus to Congress: The Path Forward

The issue of Plant Biostimulant regulation through the Beneficial Substance Model Bill primarily resolves this issue through state regulation, moving our effort now to focus on the corridors of Congress. The Plant Biostimulant Act reintroduced on March 8th, remains a beacon of hope for our industry's regulatory future. Our recent endeavors, alongside our industry peers, have paved the way for this pivotal next step. The Act will now undergo congressional scrutiny, where its fate will be decided if included in the Farm Bill.

I would like to draw your attention to my updated opinion article on the Biostimulant Act, recently published in AcresUSA Magazine. This article delves into the Act's significance, the journey thus far, and our industry's role in influencing its passage. You can read the article [here](#).

<https://www.ecofarmingdaily.com/opinion-regulating-plant-biostimulants/>

Advocacy in Action: Your Voice Matters

Undoubtedly, your proactive involvement and advocacy have played a paramount role in bringing us to this juncture. We have already witnessed the strength of our collective voice as we rally behind the Biostimulant Act. Together, we must now amplify our efforts to garner support from Congress. Our united stance will be pivotal in ensuring that innovative products, including humic and fulvic acids, can navigate a regulatory landscape that fosters growth, innovation, and sustainability.

Your Action is Key: Reach Out to Your Representatives

I want to renew our request and urge you to engage with your congressional representatives actively. To facilitate this, we have again prepared a [template letter](#) that you can use to communicate the significance of the Plant Biostimulant Act for our industry's future. Your outreach is particularly vital if your representative serves on the congressional committees responsible for voting on the Act.

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Harness the Momentum

Together, let us harness the momentum generated by our successful advocacy efforts within AAPFCO. By unifying our voices, we can shape the regulatory landscape to ensure the safe and effective use of humic substances, driving sustainable growth for our industry.

For further insights into the Plant Biostimulant Act and its implications, feel free to reach out to any member of the HPTA Board.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our industry's progress. Together, we shall continue to cultivate a flourishing future for humic substances.

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