Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Kevin Kordek
President
National Pest Management Association
10460 North Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Dear Mr. Kordek:

We write to cordially invite members of the professional pest management industry to attend and participate in the Congressional Bed Bug Forum on **Thursday, November 18 from 1:30 pm until 5:00 pm** at the Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, DC.

This important event is an opportunity to highlight the scope and magnitude of the bed bug resurgence. This forum will provide a unique opportunity to discuss current federal policies and initiatives and how they help prevent and manage this blood-sucking pest. We also hope to solicit members' expert input and suggestions on what policy changes and new initiatives Congress and the federal government should consider moving forward.

Earlier this Congressional session, we introduced the "Don't Let the Bed Bug Bite Act" – legislation aimed at providing additional resources to prevent and manage bed bug infestations at lodging facilities and public housing. We view the Forum as a way to get invaluable constructive feedback on the bill, which we will be able to incorporate into the legislation we introduce next session.

Since the professional pest management industry deals with bed bug infestations in a myriad of settings on a daily basis it is vitally important that we hear from members of the industry about the bed bug pandemic, the methods the industry is using to combat bed bug infestations, and steps Congress and the federal government can take to assist the industry in better managing this life changing pest.

We hope to your members will consider attending this very timely and important Forum. To register for this event, please contact Kyle Parker at Kyle.L.Parker@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-3101.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Butterfield
Member of Congress

Don Young
Member of Congress

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