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*[Forwarded to all OPM Task Force members]*

Subject: I'm Speaking Up

Dear O.P.M. Task Force,

My name is Jason Fletcher and I own and operate a small termite company in Tucson, AZ called Fletcher's Termite Control. I'm writing to you to voice my opinion on some of the comments mentioned in the last meeting in October 2011. I was unable to attend but thanks to [www.its-our-turn.com](http://www.its-our-turn.com) and Phyllis Farenga I was able to watch the video.

First things first. I am in favor of less regulation in our industry due to the increasing use on NON RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES. Most if not all NON RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES can be purchased by anyone tall enough to reach the counter and have enough money. Some of these chemicals are Termidor and Premise and these are chemicals that I use and I'm sure allot of companies use as well. I recently went to a DO-IT-YOURSELF Pest Control retailer and purchased a bottle of Termidor just for laughs and I was quite shocked that I did not receive a Label or MSDS along with the Termidor. I just received a short instruction on how to mix and apply and not once did the gentleman tell me or ask if I needed a specimen label or a msds. I do understand the importance of being a licensed professional and that is to protect the public, environment and ourselves by reading and understanding labels and using pesticides correctly. So I asked myself why are we so tightly regulated by laws and rules that doesn't apply to your average homeowner? Its because we make a profit off doing a service for the public to protect there homes and property using the same chemicals they can buy and use themselves? HmMMM. Where does that make any sense? The thing that baffles me the most is who misuses more pesticides? A company licensed in structural pest control trained to use pesticides properly or your average non licensed consumer? Who should have stiffer laws? Bottom line? The OPM is becoming obsolete. With pesticides becoming safe for public use. I'm not saying we don't need laws but the laws we do have need to be re-worked to make more sense for the new products coming on the market.

Second thing I would like to see gone are TARF fees. The past SPCC and now the OPM should not be in the business of extortion. If you look at the definition in the dictionary and you can read between the lines you will see OPM. The OPM has been extorting companies for too long for something that has nothing to do with protecting the public or the spectrum for what the OPM was set in place for. The OPM has banked millions of dollars at the expense of all companies that do Termite work for the benefit of maintaining a database for all termite treatments and WDIIRs at the cost of \$8 per action. With today's technology and the internet becoming so popular I dare anybody with a brain cell to price out a primitive web site like the OPMs and to have an offsite secure database. The most expensive one I could find on short notice is about \$1500 a year. So all in all we have been getting raped by a - in my opinion - corrupt,

bureaucratic cartel. Imagine if OPM charged an \$8 fee to do a roach clean out or a flea and tick treatment. Be thankful pest control guys. I personally am tired of being discriminated against because I do termites. Maybe that might be an Idea - lets start charging pest control guys \$8 per treatment - that seems fair, right?

Third thing would be the licensing requirements. For instance, I'm a certified applicator in pest control and termites but my QP will only allow me to treat for termites do to a law - in my opinion - that is ridiculous and makes no sense. I would like to see a simplified licensing requirement for existing QPs who want to broaden their license. The Core Test and The General Pest Exam should be sufficient once your already have a QP.

Will Rousseau made a comment that if small business doesn't bother to show up then we the small businesses will be ignored. Let me tell ya something Will, as a small business owner that doesn't bother to show up due to obligations - like for instance putting food in our family's mouth, making sure our children have clothes that fit, taking and picking them up from school - you sure have allot of nerve to let that statement fall out of your mouth! Allot of us small businesses depend on people like Phyllis Farenga to speak up for us even if our views on certain subjects are not quite the same but they are similar. I have a piece of advice for the AG guys - don't pick up the bad habits of the old SPCC - lets adapt rules and law that levels the playing field for all of us. If The Task Force wants feedback from the industry and are not afraid, I think its time to reach out to all license holders and applicators by sending out an Official or Unofficial ballot and really let the industry decide by a vote.

Thanks for your time

Sincerely, Jason Fletcher- Fletcher's Termite Control.