

To: Jack Peterson, OPM Task Force, John Boelts, Lin Evans, Jimmy Fox, Ken Fredrick, Philip Hemminghaus, Will Rousseau, Kirk Smith, Dave Burns, and Its-Our-Turn.com

Subject: **AzPPO does not represent me - I do not want AzPPO representing my business**

Letter: Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: OPM Task Force.

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AzPPO (Arizona Pest Professional Organization) has roughly 110 members - only 70 of which are pest control operators (PCOs) - the other 40 are affiliate members. Many of the PCO members are branch offices or franchise businesses from large companies or alternate names purchased by large companies. There are roughly 1200 pest control business licenses in Arizona and 8000 applicator licenses. So 70 out of 1200 businesses means that AzPPO represents roughly 5.8% of the pest control business licenses. If you include the applicator licenses and allow for duplicate licenses - a person who holds both an applicator's license and a business license - AzPPO represents just 0.875% of the pest control industry. In other words, AzPPO does NOT represent the pest control industry.

There is a reason why AzPPO cannot get more than 70 pest control operators to join - they do not represent the views of the vast majority of the pest control operators. They may represent many large companies and a few smaller companies, but they do not have the industry's - or the consumer's best interest at heart.

AzPPO members have stated repeatedly - and Its-Our-Turn.com has recorded them on video - saying they want to keep barriers to entry. They have stated repeatedly that they want regulations to minimize competition. They claim it is to keep "higher standards" and to "protect consumers". However, many people have shown how the regulations supported by AzPPO have lowered standards and hurt consumers.

AzPPO has refused to acknowledge the changing technology of the pest control industry - changes that have resulted in lower risk products - namely the use of unrestricted pesticides. Instead, AzPPO relies on the FUD principal - Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt - to trick regulators into keeping antiquated regulations. AzPPO members keep referring to obsolete and banned products to obfuscate discussions about pest control regulations. AzPPO has not been able to document any claims of harm to the consumer by misuse of pesticides that regulations would have prevented.

AzPPO has a paid lobbyist and PR firm that claims to represent the pest control industry but that lobbyist and PR firm does not represent my company or my company's needs.

See <http://its-our-turn.com/> for a detailed white papers on the Arizona pest control industry.

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Sincerely,

# Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Its-Our-Turn .com		2012-04-09
Donald Bowles	Mesa, AZ, United States	2012-04-09
Shannon Hubbard	Mesa, AZ, United States	2012-04-09
Scott Hubbard	Mesa, AZ, United States	2012-04-09
Henry Hight	Peoria, AZ, United States	2012-04-09
Mel Sheridan	Glendale, AZ, United States	2012-04-09
Mark Noriega	Phoenix, AZ, United States	2012-04-10
Kevan Brown	Stanfield, AZ, United States	2012-04-10
Tony Petkoff	Pine, AZ, United States	2012-04-10
Rich Saehr	Glendale, AZ, United States	2012-04-13
Garry Lough	Wylie, TX, United States	2012-04-14
Benjamin Partin	Maricopa, AZ, United States	2012-04-16
Rodney R. O'Dell	Glendale, AZ, United States	2012-04-16
Keith Kronback	Tonopah, AZ, United States	2012-04-16
Ervin Wagner	Prescott Valley, AZ, United States	2012-04-16
Jason Fletcher	Tucson, AZ, United States	2012-04-18
William Dare	Mohave Valley, AZ, United States	2012-04-18
Phyllis Farenga	Marana, AZ, United States	2012-04-18
virginia brydle	tucson, AZ, United States	2012-04-19
john gerodimos	Surprise, AZ, United States	2012-04-23
Ronald Ketner	Prescott, AZ, United States	2012-04-23
Mike Jasones	glendale, AZ, United States	2012-04-24
Ted Molo	Maricopa, AZ, United States	2012-04-24
Robert Thal	Phoenix, AZ, United States	2012-04-28
Gary Obenstine	Phoenix, AZ, United States	2012-04-30
Jeremy O'Dell	Glendale, AZ, United States	2012-04-30
James Abel	Queen Creek, AZ, United States	2012-05-06
RAYMOND HOPKINS	LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ, United States	2012-05-07
lewis huggins	mesa, AZ, United States	2012-05-14
Shelley Long	Tucson, AZ, United States	2012-05-16

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Raymond Gunn	Chandler, AZ, United States	2012-05-29
Donald Pleger Sr	Rio Verde, AZ, United States	2012-05-29
ken edwards	surprise, AZ, United States	2012-06-03
Joseph Latin	Phoenix, AZ, United States	2012-06-05
Raymond Rodriguez	Peoria, AZ, United States	2012-06-13
James Daley	Phoenix, AZ, United States	2012-06-13
Mike Simon	Willcox, AZ, United States	2012-06-19
Norman Nipperus	Tempe, AZ, United States	2012-08-27
Robert Lee	Prescott, AZ, United States	2012-08-27
Glenn Hamblin	Tucson, AZ, United States	2012-08-27
Peter Archambo	Mesa, AZ, United States	2012-09-14
Tony Long	gilbert, AZ, United States	2012-09-17
JEANNETTE SULLIVAN	GENDALE, AZ, United States	2012-09-17
Richard Reardon	Gilbert, AZ, United States	2012-09-21

Petition comments:

Kevan Brown, Stanfield, AZ 85172, 4/10/12: Since it's inception (AzPPO) after the fall of the Structural Pest board of the mid 80's, the AzPPO has been nothing but a high ended fraternity for the big pest control companies who lost their bribed and paid PCO commissioners. The AzPPO has nothing to do with the interest of the common pest control operator and in NO WAY represents me or my company and never will!!!!!!!!!!!!

virginia brydle, tucson, AZ 85743, 4/19/12: i'm tired of big business trying to squeeze out the little guy.

Shelley Long, Tucson, AZ 85742, 5/16/12: I am a concerned consumer and I support Its-Our-Turn.

Norman Nipperus, Tempe, AZ 85281, 8/27/12: I have experienced this to be true and I have been in the pest control business for over 18 years

Glenn Hamblin, Tucson, AZ 85735, 8/27/12: Small business has it hard enough already. AzPPO is just a mob like organization trying to help the big fish monopolize the industry.

Peter Archambo, Mesa, AZ 85210, 9/14/12: more regulations are not what we need - education is key

Tony Long, gilbert, AZ 85295, 9/17/12: I Have my Own Voice and I'll use it when I feel its needed....Don't want an orgainzation with speical interesstes speaking for me.

JEANNETTE SULLIVAN, GENDALE, AZ 85303, 9/17/12: Setting up and owning a business is very rewarding, but there is a constant fear in the background that some thing you forget to do or overlooked will put you out of business some way. The layers of regulations and control are expensive and frightening. If we do a bad job we lose our customer. That is all we need to keep us doing our best.