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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Office, Room 2114  
P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0080

## **RE: AB 2054 Agricultural Pest: Shot Hole Borer Beetles - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher,

The California Forest Pest Council (CFPC) supports the intent of Assembly Bill 2054 for the Invasive Species Council of California, the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee and other stakeholder groups to coordinate with state and local agencies to develop a plan for the detection and control of diseases associated with the spread of the Polyphagous and Kuroshio shot hole borers. The CFPC is comprised of foresters, forest pest specialists and resource managers with a long track record of protecting California's forests from invasive plants that damage agriculture, water, recreation, and wildlife.

The CFPC has worked in close cooperation with local County Agricultural Commissioners, US Forest Service (USFS) and California Invasive Plant Council to map and control invasive pests. Many private forest landowners and the USFS spend significant resources to control invasive pests that have spread onto their managed lands from adjacent properties.

Currently the Polyphagous and Kuroshio shot hole borer beetles are infesting some areas within southern California. The CFPC supports AB 2054 because early planning, detection, and control will prevent invasive shot hole borer beetles from spreading throughout California and endangering the health of our native woodlands and forests, including urban forests.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments and please contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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The California Forest Pest Council was founded in 1951 and is a non-profit educational organization of over 800 public and private forest managers, researchers, foresters, entomologists, pathologists, biologists, and others interested in the health of California's forests and protection from damage caused by animals, diseases, insects, pollution, and weeds.

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