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### ***Hot Topic- An Immediate Call to Action***

To: All FWAA Members and Associates

From: James F. Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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Subject: Utah State Preemption HB 280

Date: February 28, 2017

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If you have an Agribusiness interest in Utah State, we desperately need your assistance.

Far West has been working with others to pass a preemption Bill for pesticides, fertilizers, seeds, and other critical crop inputs in Utah to ensure that the State decides what is and is not allowable and our industry avoids a checker board city and county ordinance/law that would be unfair, difficult, and costly to enforce. It provides uniformity and a consistent level of expertise which is provided at the State level. On February 22, 2017, the House passed the Bill and then late yesterday the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Committee passed the Bill. The Bill now goes to the Senate floor for debate and a vote virtually anytime. It is imperative that you reach out to the Senators below and let them know that it is important to agriculture to have HB280 passed without delay and without exceptions.

Here is a link to the 29 Senators who are waiting to hear from you.

<http://senate.utah.gov/senators/full-roster.html> - Senate roster

Here is a link to the HB280:

<http://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0280.html>

Accomplishments are achieved by those who participate. The tracks are laid and now we need you to take a few minutes to email the Utah State Senators right away and without delay.

**Please tell them to pass HB 280 without exceptions.**

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [jim@fwaa.org](mailto:jim@fwaa.org) or at the Far West Office at 509-465-5055.