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Dear Ms. Otto:

The National Plant Board has reviewed the proposal put forth by your agency to change the status of the following pests, currently regulated in foreign trade, to non-actionable at ports of entry.

- *Cacopsylla pyricola* (pear psylla)
- *Larinus obtusus* (blunt knapweed flower weevil)

Based on the responses received from National Plant Board members, the National Plant Board agrees with the recommendations proposed for these two pests.

The National Plant Board looks forward to a continued close cooperation with USDA APHIS PPQ to improve the safeguarding of the agricultural and horticultural resources of states and greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the potential de-regulation of plant pests of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Joe Collins
President, National Plant Board

cc: NPB Regional Presidents