

I am seeking your consideration and approval to attend the Michigan Mosquito Control Association meeting in Battle Creek Michigan February 7-8, 2024.

The Michigan Mosquito Conference is an opportunity to acquire new public health mosquito control education and secure funding for research and jobs in our field. Professionals from around the Great Lakes Region come together to learn and discuss current and emerging mosquito control topics and issues. Attendance will give me unparalleled exposure to the voices of agencies, industries, and government, and I will be able to learn from these unique perspectives and contribute towards the advancement of the mosquito control profession.

I will be able to attend educational sessions in the following subject areas:

- National Public Health Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Vector-Borne Diseases in Humans
- Quantifying and communicating the benefits of mosquito control
- Data Modernization - Standardized reporting to inform pesticide risk assessments
- Technology - Bringing new tools to the vector control market
- Funding for mosquito control and surveillance activities

I plan to achieve the following objectives while at the 2024 Michigan Conference:

1. Emphasize our role as stewards of human health and the vital role the public health pesticides play in preserving and protecting our people.

2. Let them know what our mosquito abatement district in Chicagoland accomplished this year and new ways we go about defending public health.

Here is a breakdown of registration fees and conference costs:

Estimated Conference Costs

Registration Fee	\$ 125
Meals	\$100
Hotel (2 nights)	\$300
Total	\$525

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I believe that the knowledge and professional connections I am able to gain at the AMCA Washington Conference will be invaluable to our organization and the important work we do.

Sincerely,

James B. Will Jr.

If there are concerns over lobbying, this text may help.

This is to provide an explanation regarding my involvement with the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA). Because of the expertise of its membership in mosquito development and treatment, and public health issues relating to mosquitoes, including their potential to transmit Zika virus, West Nile virus and Dengue fever, AMCA is recognized as a significant resource both by federal agencies and Congress. Consequently, AMCA often serves as an informational resource on mosquito control issues, including meeting with and discussing those issues with congressional staff. In such circumstances, to the extent it involves any particular bill or pending legislation or rule when I participate, I make clear that any views I express are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of my county or state. Additionally, the focus of AMCA is very narrow. It is only involved in issues that concern mosquito control. It does not get involved in any other issues, including social or political issues. I believe my participation as an information resource is valued by the Association and one I would like to continue.