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Dear Mr Oakey,

I am writing to you today on behalf of myself and my community. I am concerned about the impact of the proposed rules regarding pesticide regulations in the State of Idaho. The proposed rules are a threat to public health and the safety of the workers who provide our community with food. Specifically, I am most concerned with the following:

Under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) notification of aerial application is not required in uncongested areas. ISDA should retain the rule requiring noticing for all residents when aerial applications of pesticides are being done in their area and expand it to include accessibility for both English and Spanish speakers to ensure the greatest number of Idahoans are in the know. Protection of humans is a stated objective of ISDA.

Rules preventing pesticides from being applied when wind speeds are over 10 mph are being removed. This removes important guidance for applicators and could open the door for more drift to occur. Removing Idaho specific wind speed restrictions does not uphold public health or promote safe pesticide management.

More people will be able to spray more pesticides with minimal training and supervision with the proposed new Commercial Apprenticeship (CA) pesticide application license. As proposed the new Commercial Apprenticeship (CA) category creates a stepping stone for people new to applying pesticides commercially. We support on the job training, but believe for it to be effective and to ensure public safety, on site supervision should be required not remote supervision and that they should not be applying restricted use pesticides.

95% of Idaho ground water is drinking water and we need to protect water quality! The lack of involvement of important stakeholders like the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) is concerning. We need to prevent the siphoning of pesticides and chemicals into groundwater.

Please uphold the standards the previous rules enforced and allow for stronger protections for our communities. Thank you for your time.

Signed,
Jill Giegerich

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