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To: [Brian Oakey](#)
Subject: {External}Please protect farmworkers and public health
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Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

Last year, several dozen farmworkers were injured as a result of a cropduster near Parma. Despite the fact that some of the workers are continuing to experience health problems, the ISDA issued only a warning letter to the pilot. In other instances, overspraying and pesticide drift onto neighboring homes and properties have resulted in minimal penalties.

Even then, ISDA is now proposing to remove important limitations on low-flying and aerial spraying under windy conditions, and instead hand the reigns to an under-equipped federal agency to oversee. This simply does not make sense.

Instead, please reinstate provisions limiting low flying over communities, application of Phenoxy-based pesticides (including 2,4-D, MPCA, MPCB and Dicamba), and any application of pesticides >10 mph. These rules are clear and easy to follow and ensure that Idahoans' public health is protected.

Finally, the definition of Hazard Area should be expanded to include schools, hospitals, community-living complex or other inhabited areas.

Regards,
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