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Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

I grew up in Nampa and did some field work as a kid, and I can still remember going out at night just to watch the cropdusters spray their chemicals. They are doing what they have to do but we need to strengthen regulations on where they spray --- especially close to schools, on field workers and near housing. I agree with the Idaho Conservation League's recommendations on laws pertaining to the spraying of pesticides.

Thank you for restoring the prohibition on aerial spraying when winds exceed 10 mph. While this is a step in the right direction, the revised Pesticide Rules proposed by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture still do not go far enough to ensure proper notification of sensitive populations, and protections to limit the drift of pesticides.

As President Thomas Jefferson said, government closest to the people serves the people best. Instead, ISDA is proposing to eliminate protections and defer to federal regulators who have been non-responsive and lack the capacity to monitor and enforce protections for Idaho communities.

The definition of Hazard Area should be expanded to include schools, hospitals, community-living complex or any other inhabited structure, and aerial spraying should be prohibited within 1/2 mile unless the wind is blowing away from the Hazard Area.

In addition, I request that the ISDA extend the 6-day comment period to ensure that Idahoans have the opportunity to weigh in on this important program.

Regards,
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