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Dear Deputy Director Brian Oakey,

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.

Regards,  
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