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Subject: {External}Pesticide Regulation Changes

Dear Mr. Oakey,

I have grave concerns over moving the regulations for pesticide application from the Department of Agriculture to the Federal Aviation Administration. I expressed concerns years ago about moving those regulations from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Agriculture. Now the state is further allowing the "fox to watch the henhouse."

Regulation, even under the Department of Agriculture, has been less than desirable, with weak follow up of complaints and pesticide misuse and abuse. Now the House Agricultural Affairs Committee may reduce that oversight even more by approving the request from the Idaho Agricultural Aviation Association, to regulate pesticide use.

It is time Idaho took a stance to protect its citizens and the environment from improper usage of pesticides.

Delores and Richard Smith

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