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Dear Mr. Oakey,

I write in solidarity with the prewritten message that I am sure is coming to you from many people. I write a personal take as well because I am personally invested in this issue. Farm workers, those who provide food to the rest of us are essential... additionally, they are us. While I do not personally work in fields to produce and harvest food for many others, we are of the same community and without their efforts, I would not be able to do my job or focus on many of the things I do... I would have to focus much more energy on growing and harvesting food.

These people are deserving of fair and healthy conditions in which they work. Specifically, I am requesting the following changes to the proposed rules:

Expressly include protections for schools, hospitals, towns, and cities from pesticides linked to neurological and developmental diseases, cancer and early death. The most notable being the class of organophosphate pesticides and paraquat.

Currently the only express protections for hazard areas mentioned is for Phenoxy Herbicide, but these pesticides (Dicamba and 24-D) are only classified as probable carcinogen, while organophosphates and paraquat have known links to cancer, developmental issues in children, and death.

In addition to the language changes in the rule I support:

Please create opportunities for farm workers and labor advocates to have a seat at the table and be consulted during department decision making that impacts them and to reduce their exposure to pesticides in the workplace.

Increase education and compliance assistance for employers about their responsibility and requirement to provide annual pesticide training to their employees.

Continue to investigate all reported pesticide incidents, including those involving aerial applications.

Insure pesticide incident reporting is language accessible in at least English and Spanish by phone and online form via ISDA.

Because noticing requirements for aerial applications have been removed from state law, please continue to take steps to reduce the risk of pesticide exposure.

Please uphold the standards the previous rules enforced and allow for stronger protections for our communities. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to participate in this process.

I hope you will choose to support and protect these vulnerable people. They and we, as a community are dependent on their sustainable labor practices on behalf of all of our food sources.

Thank you,
Anthony Yenason

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