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Dear Mr. Oakey,

I am writing to you today on behalf of myself and my community. I am concerned about the impact of the proposed rules regarding pesticide regulations in the State of Idaho. The proposed rules do not adequately protect public health and the safety of the workers who provide our community with food. 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. I think workers should feel safe enough to not enter fields that have been sprayed. I've heard of stories where supervisors don't respect the timeframes of the pesticide applications and demand their workers enter fields- they fear they'll lose their jobs if they refuse. There should be consequences for companies that are insensitive and don't take the risks of exposure seriously enough.

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.

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