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Mr. Oakey,

As a farmer in Bannock County who resides on our farm surrounded by other agricultural lands in the Snake River Plain, I urge you to reject the proposed rule deletions for LOW-FLYING PROHIBITIONS and the APPLICATION NEAR HAZARD AREAS. These changes do not offer adequate protections for the people that live and work on our farms. These rule changes being proposed by the IAAA and supported by pesticide applicators and big ag allow pesticides to be applied more freely and with few restrictions, and in doing so puts those that live in and work around our communities at higher risk.

One of the beauties of Idaho is its agrarian lifestyle and environment. Very few places are purely agricultural with no residents or workers. The majority of agricultural lands are dotted with farm residences lived in by the people who own and work these lands. These salt of the earth people are those that will be most impacted by these changes, not the far fewer pesticide applicators who want reduced restrictions. We, as Idahoans, already have enough challenges to contend with, including contaminated groundwater plumes, nitrates, drought vulnerability, increasingly unpredictable and erratic weather, etc. We do not need more sources of pollution to dodge and contend with.

Please reject these proposed changes and do what you can safeguard public health in our state.

Tyler Pratt