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TO: Members of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee

FR: Food Producers of Idaho - Stacey Satterlee, President

Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation

Food Producers of Idaho represents over 40 agricultural commodity groups, agribusiness and farm organizations with members in Idaho and across the Pacific Northwest. Food Producers of Idaho urges your vote in **SUPPORT** of the Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation, Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, IDAPA 02.03.03.

Pesticides are a critical and essential tool for farmers, ranchers, irrigators and land managers. Similarly, it is equally critical that we have clear and concise rules in place that pesticide applicators are able to follow while preserving the health and safety of farm workers and the general public.

Many of our members participated in the negotiated rulemaking meetings during the past summer. Food Producers of Idaho appreciates the work of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) in bringing all interested parties together and providing a number of drafts for stakeholders to consider through the process. Because of that broad stakeholder involvement, there is significant support for these updated rules.

It is important to note that ISDA has primacy over this program, and must we have rules in place to maintain primacy over the program and keep it at the state level.

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Current list of members on the back of this letter.