



**CALIFORNIA
HISPANIC**
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

July 26, 2024

Julie Henderson, Director
CA Department of Pesticide Regulation
1001 I Street
P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Director Henderson,

The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce is the leading Hispanic and ethnic business organization in the Nation. The CHCC and its network of over 125 chambers and associations represent the interest of California's 815,000 Hispanic-owned businesses. Through its advocacy, education, and empowerment programs, the CHCC brings California's small business community's issues and needs to the forefront of the California and National economic agendas.

We understand that local farmers throughout the state, ensure the pest notification practices currently in place are there to protect our community, workers, farms and the environment. We also know that in California the federal, state and local oversight of pesticide use enforcement is stricter and more regulated than anywhere in the United States.

Any new processes and regulations to the existing notification system will create anxiety and uncertainty for our farmers, workers and local residents. Developing unnecessary requirements will generate fear that the existing system is unsafe to farming communities. A disruption to the delicate agriculture timeline will likely damage farming operations resulting in a negative economic impact.

Feeding the world isn't easy, and through the work of DPR and the local county Agricultural Commissioners the current system works for everyone and should not be overly regulated.

Sincerely,



Julian Canete
President & CEO