

Tulare-Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Dear Director Henderson:

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

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. Agriculture is such a large and necessary industry both in Tulare and Kings Counties. In California, Tulare County is the 2nd largest and Kings County is the 10th largest when it comes to agricultural production. The work by DPR, our local county Agricultural Commissioner and her staff, works for all and should not be over regulated.

Sincerely,

Rogelio Caudillo, Chair

The TKHCC Government Affairs Committee



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“Promote value to members through Education, Government Relations, and Opportunities within the community for mutual economic benefit.”