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I work with a non-profit organization and do lots of outreach with rural communities and farm worker families.

We have had a run of pilot programs but the easiest way workers want to be notified about pesticides and exact location is by text. They would be able to check the address where they are scheduled to work the next day and be aware if pesticides have been sprayed before entering a field- that might have adverse effects to their health.

For decades fumigants and pesticides have been used and overused. It is necessary that we learn that these are tools that cause harm to many families and entire communities. There are other tools that can be used and natural organic solutions that have not been exhausted. The greed for maximum profits is what drives the companies to continue using these products when reality is workers do not receive proper training and are not compensated when they get sick or permanently disabled. Your mission is to protect human health and I ask you to do this because at this time you are failing. We as an organization have taken dozens of community members talk about their illness or cancer or miscarriage's linked to this pesticide's exposure. You are slowly doing the work that needed to happen a decade ago and continue to poison our most vulnerable and our children.

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