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Director Julie Henderson,

Dear DPR Director Julie Henderson,

My daughter, husband, and three children live very close to Ohlone School in Pajaro Valley. We have witnessed men in hasmat suits spraying the fields in the middle of the day about 600 yards from the school and their home. This is extremely disturbing. Do what you can immediately to turn all farms near schools and neighborhoods into organic farms.

We strongly support the effort to provide Californians with advance notice of hazardous pesticide use. We urge you to make sure the new regulation is as effective as possible to ensure that impacted residents can protect themselves from harm. To truly be effective, the system must include the exact location of planned pesticide applications.

Scientific research confirms that the public is in greater risk of harm the closer they are to a pesticide application. An application next to one's house is of even greater concern than an application a mile away and would require more precautions.

Sincerely,

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