

# Harper Farms

To Who it May Concern:

On behalf of Harper Farms, I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed Pesticide Notification System. CDPR and the County Ag Commissioners already have the most stringent pesticide control system in place, and this proposal will not provide any more protections. The current system has enough restriction, notification, and verification systems in place, resulting in close communication between farmer and the local County Ag Commissioners office. To open this system up to the general public would be an upset to both the Ag Commissioner's offices as well as individual farmers by allowing involvement of individuals and groups that are either uneducated on pesticide application or anti-pesticide advocates to intervene in the established process of pesticide application.

What will CDPR do when applications are appealed and delayed unnecessarily resulting in damage to our crop quality and ultimately, our livelihood?

- We oppose the proposed pesticide notification system
- We oppose providing acreage information that could be used to identify the exact parcel where the pesticide is being applied
- CDPR needs to explain the pesticide registration process and how application rates, buffer zones, and allowed uses are determined to prevent exposure to workers, residents, and innocent bystanders.
- If CDPR moves forward, notification should be limited to only those who are immediately adjacent to the proposed application and not open to just anyone who so desires.

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