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Pesticide use is already incredibly regulated. Materials are approved at the Federal and state level and then each applicator requires a permit from the County Ag Commissioner. Applications are already reported and notifications are made to the Ag Commissioner. All permitees and applicators must undergo annual training. PPE is required and the materials when applied correctly have been deemed safe by the EPA, CalEPA, DPR and the Ag Commissioners. Additional reporting and public notifications give the impression that somehow these materials are not safe and put the public at risk. I respectfully request that as part of signing up for notifications, each person is made to watch a video informing them of the already strenuous regulatory process that controls what materials are approved, how they can be applied and what reporting is required. There must be an education piece that supports the public's request for notification. However the notification system works, it must also protect the grower and allow them to continue their normal operations given the challenges they face already working within the existing regulatory framework.