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Director Julie Henderson,

Dear DPR Director Julie Henderson,

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.

Also, most of the impacted community are illiterate, the system of notification of application of pesticides needs to be accessible in indigenous languages such as Mixteco, Zapoteco, Purépecha, and Spanish in audio or text to speech (TTS).

Sincerely,

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