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Hello,

I am a resident of Hughson and living in the Central Valley has become a health struggle for my young family and I. I recently complained to the Ag. Commissioner about frequent chemical odor/drift and my 7 year old complaining of weakness and headache after playing outside briefly during a span of 3 days with long hours of foliar spraying. The spraying would begin around 3am (while we're sleeping) and be heard and odor smelled outside until about 10 am. When I called to ask the Ag. Commissioner about finding out which chemicals are being used, they had no information. I was directed to a public database, where I found the information hasn't been updated since April. I took my son to the pediatrician who said they have no knowledge or testing of health effects and exposures of these unknown chemicals. I was directed to call Poison Control, who also stated they have no information about the unknown chemicals being sprayed at massive amounts in our area. I asked the Ag. Commissioner for information regarding the public notices that were going to be sent through text messages for residents nearby, and I was told that program didn't go through because of lack of interest. I am very concerned with the amount and frequency of our exposures and health issues that can not be addressed after so many doctors visits. There are many research articles about these side effects, but as a resident, I feel helpless, especially as a mother of a child that is chronically unwell. Please do all you can to disclose the location and chemicals being used nearby our precious residents prior to spraying so we all have the opportunity to learn about these chemicals and avoid them when necessary.

Thank you!

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