EXTERNAL:

California Department of Pesticide Regulation,



The more than 2,000 members of Santa Cruz for Bernie are speaking out on behalf of the farmworkers who work in fields and community residents who live near fields where 1,3-D, known as Telone, is applied.

DPR's draft rule for the application of the carcinogenic fumigant pesticide 1,3dichloropropene (1,3-D) is completely inadequate to protect the health and safety of human beings anywhere within the drift zone.

You are certainly aware of the science pertaining to this fumigant that other commenters have presented to you, even if you choose to ignore it. Your draft rule allows for a concentration of the poison 14 times higher than what is indicated by our own CalEPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. And 1,3-D is already banned in many other countries.

Your duty under state law is to protect the health and safety of workers and community residents first, rather than putting the interests of the agricultural industry ahead.

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Sincerely,
Jeffrey Smedberg
for Santa Cruz for Bernie
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