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To the Department of Pesticide Regulation:

I am writing to request more regulation of 1.3 D, brand name "Telone", from the DPR. It is a social justice, environmental protection, health, and economic issue, and your department needs to be very scrupulous with data and action.

For 34 years I worked as a family physician in the Salinas Valley, especially caring for farm workers. I witnessed their risky workplace conditions, illnesses, and their struggles to live and work safely. I have written scores of letters like this.

Thanks to extensive scientific and medical research, your department should be aware of the harm of pesticides to humans and the natural environment, including effects on children, long term risks to adults, pollution of air and water, and damage to the integrity of the soil, on which agriculture depends. The degradation of the natural environment will continue as long as we support the extractive agro-industrial, chemical-intensive model. The current flood and storm catastrophe would have been less severe if agribusiness had better managed the soil and water resources, including groundwater.

The economic effect of continued pesticide use also contributes to the downward spiral. Costs and damage are externalized to the community and the public sector. We are basically subsidizing the destruction of our health and economy. Until we make the transition to regenerative agriculture we must strictly regulate the use of pesticides and document any deviations so as to protect workers and communities.

Pesticides must be phased out. Until then, we expect that your department will be more strict and responsible to your constituents, not the chemical industry, so that all communities are protected. Also, your budget should not be linked to fees on pesticide sales.

Thank you for your attention.

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