From: pamelaosgood@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pamela Osgood
To: CDPR dpr22005
Subject: Help Stop the Use of Highly Toxic Fumigants in Food Production to Protect Farmworkers
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EXTERNAL:

Dear Director Julie Henderson,

Please do not remove existing limits on the use of 1,3-dichloropropene (1,3-D), allowing Californians to breathe much more 1,3-D than other state toxicologists say is safe, highlights the dangers to which farmworkers are routinely exposed. It is outrageous that the state would allow farmworkers—whose labor was judged "essential" during the pandemic—to be routinely exposed to highly toxic pesticides, which could be replaced by organic practices.

These and other soil fumigants not only pose severe health threats to farmworkers and bystanders, but also threaten soil and water ecosystems. In contrast, organic production seeks to build healthy soils that resist plant pathogens, making fumigation unnecessary. Thus, these fumigants pose unreasonable adverse effects on humans and the environment. Their registrations should be cancelled.

This is an urgent issue.

Sincerely,
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