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Director Val Dolcini
Department of Pesticide Regulation
via email val.dolcini@cdpr.ca.gov

Re: DPR's responses to November 17 Environmental Justice Workshop questions

Dear Director Dolcini,

Thank you for your written responses to the unanswered questions from the November 17, 2020 DPR Environmental Justice Workshop, and for recognizing and sharing the concerns we outlined in our letter of [November 24, 2020](#) (copy attached). It is clear you and staff have given serious attention to the questions from the workshop. We appreciate DPR's acknowledgement that the presentations in the workshop did not address the issue of Environmental Justice, and that you have taken our comments to heart as DPR plans for the future.

Still missing from the detailed responses, however, is an answer to the central question that was raised in the workshop:

How are DPR and the Ag Commissioners making conditions regarding pesticide health impacts and threats as safe for California's Latinx population as [they are] for whites?

Thank you for the invitation to work with you on DPR's future workshops. We are glad to offer our initial idea on what such a workshop should address: DPR's stated commitment to ensuring that "no one group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups, should be disproportionately impacted by pesticides" should begin with a willingness to engage in dialogue with the very groups who are, in fact, disproportionately impacted. Attainment of racial and environmental justice should be the focus of DPR's work and the subject of any future DPR Environmental Justice Workshop.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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