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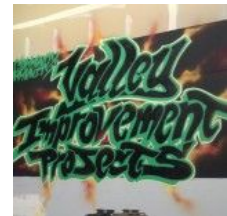
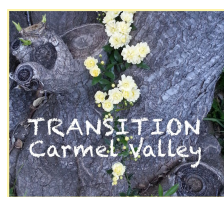
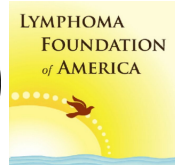




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Factory Farming Awareness Coalition



Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Brown and Director Leahy:

Last January you promised, "California is not turning back. Not now, not ever." Today, you have the opportunity to make sure that California does not turn back in a tangible way that will benefit all Californians.

In March, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt turned back decades of science when he instructed his agency not to move forward with a scheduled decision to end the use of the insecticide chlorpyrifos. US EPA was on track to end the use of this pesticide because of the hazard it poses to children's developing brains.

We are asking you to make sure that California does not turn back, and instead acts to protect our state's children, by ending the use of chlorpyrifos.

Some of the best science about chlorpyrifos hazards comes from California. Two University of California studies have recently shown that families who live near agricultural areas where chlorpyrifos and its chemical cousins are used are damaged by their exposure to these pesticides. The UC Berkeley CHAMACOS study found that exposure was associated with reduced IQ test scores. The UC Davis MIND Institute's CHARGE study found that exposure was associated with increased rates of autism. Both conditions take a tremendous toll on California families.

In addition, the communities who are most impacted by chlorpyrifos are communities that CalEPA's CalEnviroScreen shows are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution.

Importantly, the problems with chlorpyrifos use extend past agricultural communities to the millions of people who enjoy California almonds and other produce. US EPA has estimated that we are all exposed to more chlorpyrifos in our food than is healthy; in fact children are exposed to more than 100 times the amount US EPA suggests is a safe amount.

Please instruct the Department of Pesticide Regulation to phase out the use of chlorpyrifos now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sal C. Ail Mark Weller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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