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We strongly oppose Id1599. As a master applicator, the BOP already has a rigorous paperwork process that requires sufficient documentation and record of any and all applications. This newly proposed notification system would prohibit the ability to make decisions based on weather conditions, wind increases, and other factors that effect the safety and efficacy of application. Furthermore, requiring notification prior to any application could potentially result in loss of crops or yields all due to timing—which further compounds into loss of income and jobs. In our industry, decisions frequently have to be made after or prior to “regular business hours” in the very early morning or late evening in order to make the best decision. As a professional in the business for many years, the news of this bill has just been brought to my attention—as a well connected person, the call to action comes with a very small window for response; I believe many people in the industry are unaware of the proposal, and the potential impacts it could have. It is concerning to potentially be underrepresented.