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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Aerial Spray for Apple Moth

In reference to the proposed aerial spraying for the apple moth which has been suggested as a method of eradication of a potential pest in Northern California I am vehemently opposed to this proposal. As a physician who treats children, babies and numerous patients with respiratory problems I feel that this untested and potentially toxic spraying has not been proven safe and there is no scientific evidence that this pest will in fact be a threat to agricultural crops.

The State of California has in effect stated that they are going to test this unknown substance on our children, babies, and population without scientific evidence of safety. This is the kind of behavior one would expect in non-democratic countries where the people have no right nor expectation to exert their will as to their health, safety, and well-being of their family.

As a pediatrician I find this reprehensible. As a an individual of Jewish heritage , whose ancestors were experimented on by Nazis, I find this repugnant. I hope the State government reconsiders their decision to experiment on our families and on our children before it is too late and permanent damage is done.

Sincerely,

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