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Senator Elizabeth Dole
Salisbury Office
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Dear Senator Dole:

As of today, 68,000 citizens have submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to their state legislators expressing their firm belief that testing pesticides on vulnerable populations is neither ethical nor acceptable. This past summer, Senator Boxer, Senator Snow, and others passed a bipartisan amendment to categorically prohibit intentional dosing of children and pregnant women. Despite your opposition, the amendment passed the Senate by a resounding 60 - 37 vote.

However, EPA subsequently proposed a rule that directly rebukes the Congressional mandate by allowing orphans and neglected, abused and severely handicapped children to be used as test subjects in pesticide studies. Your vote in opposition to Senator Boxer's amendment has led us to this place where exceptions are permitted and vulnerable populations are at risk. EPA's proposed rule on human testing and your record on this issue are shameful.

As citizens of North Carolina we are personally delivering this letter to you, Senator Dole, with a copy of our comments to the EPA.

Sincerely,

David Mickey
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League