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To: Sen Dingfelder; Sen Olsen; Sen Bates; Sen Hansell; Sen Hass; Lutman Jennifer

**Cc:** Scott Rawlins; Ken Manning **Subject:** Opposed to Senate Bill 800

Dear Honorable Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,

I wanted to e-mail to let you know the Agricultural Industry strongly opposes Senate Bill 800. There is a very good system in place that is stringent, regulated, and enforced by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. There are many reasons we oppose Senate Bill 800 and listed below are a few of them:

- Creates a new reporting requirement for pesticide operators, adding to the already overburdened load of paperwork
- ODA has an entire division devoted to regulating pesticides and has access to the needed expertise on the issue, which DEQ and OHA lack.
- Needlessly shifts significant pesticide responsibilities from Oregon Department of Agriculture that has the expertise over to the agencies that currently do not in the DEQ and Oregon Health Authority (OHA).
- Pesticide operators already keep records that are available for the periodic audits conducted by the ODA or in the event that ODA needs to do an investigation. Why make a state agency store the records of all the applications?
- DEQ would need to create at least one new position just to handle the paperwork load at a time that our natural resource agencies are already facing budget cuts.

Thank you for consideration of this e-mail. Hopefully it was sent timely enough for your review.

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