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Senator Dingfelder & members of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Kathy Hadley, and I am a farmer in the Rickreall area, just west of Salem. I help run two small family farms - one with my father near Rickreall, and one with my husband near Silverton.

I am concerned with the requirements that Senate Bill 800 would impose. We already keep detailed records of pesticide purchases & applications, specifically those classified restricted use, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture has a division that manages this important facet of the agriculture industry. To move this bill would only add an additional level of bureaucracy, without really gaining any additional knowledge or benefit to the average taxpayer.

The ODA Pesticides Division employees are trained and skilled in their field, and they definitely keep on top of any issues that arise. I personally know a few people who have been subjected to inspections by the division, and they take matters very seriously if there is cause to suspect any misapplications, spills, etc. Involving DEQ on the level this bill suggests would not help make any person or the environment any safer.

We are fully aware our records are subject to inspection by ODA at any time if there is an issue, as are all applicators, so to create additional paperwork and reporting requirements when budget dollars are tight and there really are not extra dollars for compilation or evaluation of these reports is not productive. Agriculture and natural resources are extremely valuable sectors to our state's economy, and to add additional burdens to the workloads of those of us in those industries will complicate our efforts to run our operations.

Thank you for your consideration to my testimony.

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