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Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 2:56 PM

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

Subject: Please Oppose SB 800

To Our Esteemed Senators,

I am writing to encourage each of you to oppose SB 800 and place my comments on the Committee record.

The State Department of Agriculture in Oregon does an outstanding job of keeping licensed commercial applicators, like myself and many members of my company, up to date on all phases of applying pesticides. All applicators are required by state law to retain records of their pesticide applications for three years and must produce those documents for review should there ever be a question regarding the application.

The Department also keeps up to date on the safest methods of application, the newest products review by the EPA and has a long history of requiring safe management practices. The ODA also administers licensing and annual training requirements for all licensed applicators, both private and commercial.

SB 800 seems to want to shift pesticide responsibilities from the ODA to the DEQ and Oregon Health Authority which would create an unneeded layer between the applicators in this state and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Pesticide operators already keep records as required by Oregon law that have to be made available should there be any question regarding safe handling practices, weather conditions or pesticide label interpretation.

Again, I urge you not to start a new layer of record keeping in our state and allow the Department of Agriculture to continue its work of training, approving and monitoring the pesticide applications in our state. Please oppose SB 800.

Sincerely,

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