



Dear Senator Lutman,

My name is Gordon Kiyokawa. I am Certified Golf Course Superintendent at Columbia Edgewater Country Club. I am contacting you regarding SB 800 which requires pesticide applicators to submit spray records to the DEQ no later than 60 days following an application. I oppose this bill. As a commercially licensed pesticide applicator I am required to maintain records of all my applications and store them on site for 3 years. In the event of an accident or an investigation, my records are always available upon request.

Integrated pest management is at the core of my operation, which is not uncommon for golf courses in the State of Oregon. Superintendents across our state are constantly working to increase the level of protection of our environment and are considered leaders in the golf industry. Education is paramount as a golf course superintendent; we are constantly seeking better ways to improve playing conditions while reducing our potential impact on the environment.

I feel this additional layer of reporting would only create additional work at DEQ and would also ship significant pesticide responsibilities away from the Department of Agriculture. The ODA has an entire division devoted to regulating pesticides, and has access to the needed expertise on the issue which DEQ and OHS lack.

Oregon's golf course superintendents do not need another layer of red tape to do their jobs, and the State of Oregon does not need another branch of government taking over the already knowledgeable staff of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Please reconsider your position on SB 800.

Sincerely,

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