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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Gallagher Chuck; Rep Witt
Subject: Please support law banning aerial spraying (HB 3123)

Dear Representative Gallagher and Representative Witt,

I am writing to encourage you to support Representative Holvey's bill that would ban the aerial spraying of pesticides (HB 3123). Aerial application of pesticides is extremely dangerous to health, property and businesses. Pesticides sprayed by air can drift many miles from their target and they revolitalize and become airborne again and stay active months and even years after application. Buffers are not a solution when poisons as far as aerial pesticides can.

Our family's health was affected by aerial drift from an application done by Weyerhaeuser. We vomited, suffered diarrhea, nosebleeds and headaches. We suffered extensive plant damage and had reduce yield of our homestead crops.

Organic farms, vineyards, nurseries and other businesses can suffer huge losses from aerial spraying and drift. Allowing the timber industry, which is an increasingly smaller part of our economy, to damage these other vital business types is unfair and bad for our state.

Private property is infringed on by aerial pesticides, violating our fundamental rights. Federal timberlands are managed without aerial spraying and it is time for Oregon to ban the practice, too. It is the right thing to do for the health of our citizens and the prosperity of our state.

Thank you,
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