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To: Rep Witt

Cc: Gallagher Chuck

Subject: Protect the public health of our coastal citizens -- Vote yes on HB 3123, 2589 and 3482

Dear Representative Witt;

I am on the Oceanside Water Protection Committee and the North Coast Basin Coalition. We have been working to protect our drinking watersheds from the dangers of pesticides. I urge your committee to move HB 3123, 2589 and 3482 to the floor and for you to vote yes.

As a child psychologist, I have reviewed the research on pesticide exposure. Children are especially vulnerable to pesticides during critical periods of their development. This places them at risk for miscarriage, fetal abnormalities, developmental disabilities and cancer. The public health risks are dire.

In 20 years pesticide exposure will be considered in the same way we now view exposure to lead, cigarettes, asbestos, etc. Our health does not need to be put in jeopardy. Oregon's federal forests are not sprayed. Manual methods are effective while keeping our people safe. Please use your wisdom and leadership to protect our public health.

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