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To: Gallagher Chuck; Rep Witt; Rep Holvey

Subject: Please Protect Oregon and Oregonians

Dear Representatives Witt and Gallagher and all the members of the Natural Resources Committee,

Please protect Oregon and Oregonians from aerial spraying of pesticides, require more reporting of the applications of pesticides and ban the use of the highly toxic neonicotinoids in Oregon by supporting House Bill 3123, HB 3482 and HB 2589.

As 40+ years of indiscriminate spraying and use of toxic pesticides in the forests, on the fields and roadsides in Oregon has shown the main outcomes are a poisoned population, a devastated environment and a small, wealthy class of poison perpetrators.

As a survivor of the 1970s and 1980s Agent Orange use in the Siuslaw National Forest I have amazingly lived to witness the Siuslaw's use of Late-successional-reserve (LSR) thinning to manage the forest resulting in a diverse, healthy, multi-aged national forest without the use of pesticides, rather than a sickly tree plantation. Simultaneously, I have seen species from bear, cougar and bobcat to deer and elk to salmon and trout to eagles and kingfisher to crawdads and knute and on thrive alongside healthy babies, children and adults.

Please realize that the miasma of pesticide use is a horrific, multi-generational experiment of forced poison on unknowing populations equivalent to every worst experiment on human and species anywhere, anytime in the history of the planet.

Once the EPA and the OHA had established that 2,4-D and Atrazine had shown up in the urine of children in the Triangle Lake area, I personally asked then Governor Kitzhaber, who had the power to place a moratorium on the use of pesticides, to please as both a doctor and the governor assert the precautionary principle and establish that moratorium rather than allowing more poison to be sprayed while waiting for the perpetrators to avoid proving how safe their products and actions were. He deftly avoided taking any action and allowed the status quo to remain.

If I'd known then what we all understand now, I would have simply hired Cylvia Hayes to make these practices and uses stop.

Please distinguish yourselves and your committee from the influences of Oregonians for Food and Shelter and the violation of any rational law known as the Right to Farm and Forest Act and at least support and bring to the house floor and ultimately to the entire legislature the above referred bills.

Sincerely,

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