

## Raszka Shelley

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**To:** Raszka Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Bills to limit pesticide use

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**To:** Rep Witt; Gallagher Chuck  
**Subject:** Bills to limit pesticide use

Dear Rep. Witt and Mr. Gallagher,

We are a family living in Jackson County, in So. Oregon. Our area has a history of successful pear orchards. Unfortunately part of that rich legacy is the use of pesticide sprays each year. Pesticides are linked to more and more health concerns.

These three bills below, are intended to limit pesticide use. This will reduce exposure to dangerous chemicals in air, water, soil and vegetation.

House Bill 3123 would ban the application of pesticides by air.

HB 3482 would establish reporting requirements for government and commercial application of pesticides.

HB 2589 would ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in Oregon. Neonicotinoids are chemicals that are highly toxic to animal life. Studies show that birds and invertebrates, including bees, are adversely affected by these chemicals. Neonicotinoids are systemic, and they persist in our environment.

One of the common and concerning atmospheric conditions in the Rogue Valley is inversion. Simply explained, the conditions are such that the air gets trapped in the valley. This combined with the use of pesticides means that whatever is put into the environment stays around. This means that air quality becomes adverse esp. for those living with respiratory issues, as well as children and elders.

We request that you support and approve these bills to protect the health and happiness of us those of us currently living in Oregon, and the health and happiness of those yet to come. Thank you.

Warmly,  
The Nuessle family

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