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From: Beth Pool [<mailto:bethpool.or@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Gallagher Chuck; Rep Witt
Subject: Support 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, They revolatilize and become airborne again, staying active for months and even years after initial application. *Buffers are not a solution* when poisons from aerial pesticides persist so extensively.

Many of my friends' families' health have been dangerously affected by aerial drift from applications done by Weyerhaeuser. They all vomited; suffered diarrhea, nosebleeds and headaches. They all have suffered extensive plant damage and had reduced yields of their (now contaminated) homestead crops.

Organic farms, vineyards, nurseries, and other businesses can suffer huge financial losses from aerial spraying and drift. Allowing the timber industry, which is an increasingly smaller part of our state's economy, to damage these vital globally-renowned industries is unfair and detrimental economically to our state.

Private property is infringed upon by aerial pesticides, violating our fundamental rights. Federal timber lands 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.

Please do everything you can to support HB3123.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Truly,

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