

## Raszka Shelley

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**From:** Gallagher Chuck  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** Raszka Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Please support law banning aerial spraying (HB 3123)

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**From:** Devon Bonady [<mailto:devon@fernhillsanctuary.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** Gallagher Chuck  
**Subject:** Please support law banning aerial spraying (HB 3123)

Representative Gallagher,

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 runs a small nursery business which could suffer huge losses from aerial spraying and drift. Allowing the timber industry, which is an increasingly smaller part of our economy, to damage businesses such as ours and other organic farms, vineyards and nurseries is unfair and bad for our state. Living near large acreage of private forestland, we also are concerned for the impact that aerial spraying could have on the health of our family.

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.

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