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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Raszka Shelley
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From: Tao Orion [<mailto:taorion@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Gallagher Chuck; Rep Witt
Subject: In Support of HB 3123 banning aerial pesticide application in Oregon

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 and they revitalize and become airborne again and stay active months and even years after application. Buffers are not a solution when poisons drift as far as aerial pesticides can.

Organic farms, vineyards, nurseries and other businesses can suffer huge losses from aerial spraying and drift. Allowing the timber industry, which is an increasingly smaller part of our economy, to damage these other vital business types is unfair and bad for our state.

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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"Let the beauty you love be what you do." -Rumi
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