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Subject: Supporting HB 2669, HB 3226, SB 892, SB 499

Regarding committee hearings on the following bills:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

SB 892- The Timber Aerial Spray Right to Know Bill
SB 499- Human Health Criteria Bill

House Committee on Energy and Environment

HB 2669- Toxics Reporting and Community Right to Know Bill.

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

HB 3226- Modernizing Oregon's Forest Practices Act

Senators and Representatives:

My wife and I are full time residents of the Neahkahnie Water District and it's forested watershed. We and other water districts along the Oregon Coast are threatened by arcane forest practices favoring short term timber interests and the necessary support of county and school timber revenue obligations over public, forest, topsoil, carbon sink, habitat and river health and sustainability.

While supporting the intent of all the above bills, these issues need to be addressed comprehensively in the context of a total overhaul of Forest Practices, the Board of Forestry, and it's administration, along with timber revenue and climate recovery strategies. The current comprehensive approach of the legislature to climate bills in joint hearings and working groups seems a good model.

While certain immediate steps addressed in the above bills are critical to public health, they are only stop gap measures while a more comprehensive, sustainable, people oriented transformation of Oregon's forest practices can be adopted.

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