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Senator Michael Dembrow

Chair, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

900 Court St. NE, S-407

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RE: Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee Hearing on Senate Bill 892 and Senate Bill 499

Dear Senator Dembrow,

I am writing in support of SB 892, The Timber Aerial Spray Right to Know. I live in Rockaway Beach and am concerned about pesticides in my neighborhood's air and water. I use FERNS to find out about spraying activities. Last summer I saw in FERNS that spraying was slated to happen adjacent to where I regularly hike, Oswald West State Park. Because FERNS displays only a six-month window for spraying, I contacted Weyerhaeuser and asked to be notified a couple days in advance of the application. I wanted to avoid being near aerial spraying of pesticides. I was hiking in the park on the west side of Neahknie on the day herbicide was sprayed. Although I asked to know when spraying would take place, Weyerhaeuser never notified me.

I believe I should have the right to know when spraying takes place so I can decide if I want to risk exposure to harmful pesticides.

I am also writing in support of SB 499, Human Health Criteria Bill. Aerial spraying takes place fairly regularly in my watershed, Jetty Creek, and the surrounding hills. I take reasonable precautions but misapplications of herbicides is a documented fact. If I am hurt by harmful pesticides, I want the right to seek damages without enormous financial and legal barriers.

Sincerely,  
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