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To the members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

Dear Committee Members,

We strongly support passage of State Bills 892 and 499 which deal with the practice of aerial spraying of pesticides. We have lived for 14 years in a rural community on the Oregon Coast at the interface of industrial timber operations and residential living space. During that time we, and our neighbors in nearby communities, have experienced the fear that accompanies knowing that huge amounts of industrial chemicals, in mixtures that have not been tested for toxicity, have been released into the forests that sit next to our homes and schools. Not only is the industry taking great risks just by using these chemicals that have not been adequately tested (especially for the danger they pose to pregnant mothers and young children) but there is no real science regarding the danger of drift into our communities regardless of the (inadequate) buffers claimed to be considered during these spray operations. It is essential to protect all of us, and especially those most vulnerable, from the risk of serious harm from this dangerous practice.

We strongly believe that little is truly known about what harm will come to our children and grandchildren in the future from the careless use of these mixtures of poisons released from the air next to our school playgrounds. We do not want our children used as unwilling test subjects by an industry that can do better and should be forced to do so. It's beyond time for this ridiculous practice to end. Oregon is better than this, isn't it?

I would also like to add that SB 892 does not really go far enough: if we want to protect our visiting grandchildren from harm, how will the knowledge that an industrial release of poisons could possibly drift into our yard sometime within 5 days work for us? Are we expected to stay cloistered in our homes with the doors and windows shut for that entire length of time? We sat through a Board of Forestry meeting last year in which our current State Forester was told by board members that he is able, and should be required, to give those who request it real time notification of spray operations near our homes and schools. The timber industry and ODF should be required to provide the public with any and all information needed to protect themselves; anything less is unacceptable. Please pass these bills!

Thank you for consideration of our testimony.

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