

**Testimony to the House Committee On Energy and Environment  
in support of Senate Bill 892**

**February 20, 2017**

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for hosting a public hearing on SB 892, the Timber Aerial Spray Right to Know bill. I urge you to support this important bill to improve reporting requirements about the release of chemicals into our air and water. Please also consider expanding the bill to include herbicides.

Clean air and clean water are a basic human right. If those rights come into conflict with aerial spraying of herbicides or other industrial or commercial releases of chemicals, Oregonians have a right to know.

My wife and I recently purchased land on the Nehalem Bay. We spend as many days as possible in that area of the Oregon Coast hiking, bird watching, and surfing. We were shocked to hear stories from local residents that nearby private timber companies can spray herbicides from airplane or helicopter without warning. We've also heard that these chemicals sometimes drift into people's homes, businesses, and even health care facilities.

Please support the basic right to clean air and clean water by requiring toxic chemicals applicators to provide advance notice and reporting with any impacted community members. If the practices that put us into contact with these chemicals must persist then people have a right to know, at the very least.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. I encourage you to support SB 892 and make it even stronger by including herbicides.

Regards,  
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