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Subject: SB 892 –Please Approve The Timber Aerial Spray Right to Know Bill
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Dear Senators:

Please approve SB 892 and give us the chance to take necessary precautions that protect our loved ones and property from aerial spraying of pesticides.

I moved to Oregon's beautiful north coast in 1999 when I was twenty-four years old. As a graduate of Lewis and Clark's Environmental Law program I was well versed in our Forest Practices Act, but the severity of the timber industry's pesticide use cannot be understood by simply reading statutes. There is nothing quite like sitting on your porch drinking a cup of coffee on a beautiful summer morning when an unannounced helicopter appears 60 feet from your yard dropping poison. Your heart races, you think about your child, your pet, your livestock, but it is already too late. If you had notice, you would have gone to a friend's house, kept your pets inside, secured your chickens...been prepared.

Last summer on August 19th, the wind was from the land and it was the hottest day of the year on the Oregon Coast. The beaches and parks were absolutely packed. Children and dogs clogged the coastal creeks to stay cool and unbeknownst to the local residents and thousands of vacationers, a major timber owner aerially sprayed its recent clear-cut adjacent to Oswald West State Park (one of the most heavily used state parks in the country). Were park users exposed to the pesticides? I don't know, but pesticide drift happens and no one was given the opportunity to plan his or her day accordingly because no one knew the spray was happening or what was being sprayed.

Oregon's practice of allowing aerially spraying of toxic pesticides without notifying the public of spray timing or spray contents has significant negative impacts on coastal communities; exposing local residents and visitors to known carcinogens, damaging local drinking water, and destroying habitat for fish and other wildlife. We all deserve to be notified so we can take necessary precautions. SB 892 is an obvious step in the right direction. Please approve SB 892.

Thank you,

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