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Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Sen. Michael Dembrow
Sen. Alan Olsen
Sen. Herman Baertschiger, Jr.
Sen. Floyd Prozanski
Sen. Arnie Roblan
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB892 and SB500

Dear Senators:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our feelings about these two senate bills.

My wife and I came to the State Capitol from Gold Beach, Oregon, at least six times during the 2015 legislative session. We asked for you, our elected officials, to protect us, and our rural residents, with advanced notice of aerial sprays. You heard my factual account of what happened to us, and forty-four of our neighbors on that life-changing day of October 16, 2013. The ODA determined that the helicopter pilot dropped herbicides on our residential properties. This event caused

Such irreversible harm to our health. Oregonians deserve to have warnings, and to know what is being sprayed in our area.

A number of my neighbors have small children who were outside during the time of the spray and got sick. As adults, we owe it to our children to protect them and keep them safe. We need the State to require that all pesticide applicators give timely warnings so that we can plan to bring everyone, and our pets into a protected area.

If the chemical records were required to be filed right away, our doctors would have been better able to treat our illnesses as quickly as possible. Perhaps we may not have ended up with the lasting health effects we are now experiencing. Also, state agencies would be able to conduct investigations more effectively, and efficiently.

Rural people of Oregon are asking for help. We are at risk from pesticide drift and volatilization. We need reasonable and advanced warnings a few days before any spraying occurs. We are not against logging. Most of the people in our community are connected to the timber industry. We simply want to keep our families safe and prevent this from happening to other communities in the future. Many of us will

Be praying for you again in 2017 to make the right moral and just decision to protect The people of Oregon.

Please vote to pass SB892 and SB500. Passing these bills will give us hope for Our future.

Thank you for your time to listen to us.

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