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To whom it may concern, my name is Kent Burkholder. I farm in Albany with my brother. We farm right up next to town against multiple subdivisions, on both sides of I-5 and a grade school. We take great care in applying pesticides in a responsible way, including no applications near the school on any days there are kids present.

Being a good neighbor is very important to us.

A number of years ago we were turned in to the ODA on four different occasions by a lady who lives several miles out of town. These are the only times in multi-generations of our family farm that we have been turned in. Each time we were deemed to have committed no violations after the ODA came out and investigated, including swabbing for chemical residue, on one of the occasions the wind was blowing in the opposite direction away from her house. We felt like we were being harassed as on each of the occasions we were doing nothing irresponsibly. We have not had any problems since then due to the fact that the ODA went and talked to her about the issues we were having. That being said I still feel ill in my gut whenever we do any type of farming operation next to her place because I have no idea what to expect and have done my best to be accommodating to her.

It is my fear that eliminating the 60 day "Report of Loss" requirement for filing a complaint with the ODA will leave us very vulnerable to unfounded and frivolous lawsuits. 60 days seems more than a reasonable time period for submitting a complaint, as any evidence to a violation would most likely be absent by that time. It is also important to let ODA investigate, they have the resources, proper equipment and training to determine if any violation has been committed. Please do not pass SB500

Thank you, sincerely
Kent Burkholder