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Testimony of Arthur Towers

In Support of Senate Bill 892

Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 892. SB 892 would prevent injuries and illness due to herbicide exposure and should be passed.

Our members fight for people who are severely injured or poisoned, or who have suffered property loss. **The easiest way to compensate someone for their loss is to prevent the loss in the first place. SB 892 can help with this.**

Providing people with information regarding the application of pesticides will reduce the potential for illness and loss. Allowing people who have been exposed to know what they have been sprayed with is also a common-sense approach to help families who have been exposed.

Our members see first-hand the damage and lifelong trauma that families experience when a loved one is seriously injured or killed or if the family's home, property or livelihood is destroyed by someone else's negligence.

Too often, our members are the ones who have to explain to the family in crisis, that, "Yes, you have been injured. Yes, it is clear who hurt you. But the law is rigged against you so you don't have the right to ask a jury to adequately compensate you for your loss."

We support SB 892 because it would reduce the number of families coming to us with injuries.

We urge a YES vote on SB 892.