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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please Oppose SB 928 and SB 929
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Dear Chair Dembrow,

It feels like the Oregon Legislature is attacking the Oregon Agricultural community.

This time, I am writing to ask for you to oppose SB 928 and 929. I'm especially concerned about SB928. The general public does not understand the controls that farmers use when applying pesticides, and the expense in doing so. The fruit on our farm already receives MRL testing as a secondary safeguard to ensure the our fruit is safe to eat. We also do extensive exporting of our fruit, where in some cases the residue levels need to be extremely low.

Neonic insecticides are a very important tool to use to reduce pests on our crops. They receive extensive testing before being allowed to be used on crops. The pesticide label explains how to apply the pesticide properly so that beneficial insect, such as bees, are not harmed. It is against the law to apply a pesticide in a manner that is inconsistent with the chemical label.

Clearly the intent of the bill is to scare the consumer into not purchasing the produce which will cause economic harm to the seller and ultimately to the farmer. The end result will be lower quality fruit with fewer options at our disposal to treat for pest infestations.

Thank you,

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Sincerely,

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