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To: SENR Exhibits
Cc: Sen Prozanski
Subject: Support for SB 931 and SB 926

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 931 and SB 926.

I urge your YES vote on these two important bills that would protect the health and safety of rural residents, farm and forest workers, and critical ecosystems and habitats.

1) SB 931 (FERNS Notification bill) is a common-sense measure that would ensure advance notice to rural Oregonians to protect themselves, their children, and their farm animals prior to toxic spraying in their areas.

Any one of us would surely want this if spraying were occurring in our neighborhood, don't you think?

It only makes sense that rural Oregonians who get their drinking water from streams and springs on industrial timber land be able to turn off their water intake for 48 hours to avoid pesticides in their water supply.

This is common sense, common courtesy.

2) SB 926 (Would prohibit aerial spray on state forests).

Aerial sprays were banned on Federal forests 30 years ago! Our public forests are where we go to camp, hike, picnic, and fish. They are also where many Oregon towns and communities get their drinking water! Aerial sprays don't belong in our public forests.

Let's catch up with Federal policy — ban aerial sprays in our State Forests now.

As the daughter of a forester, I am aware of the hard work and research that has gone into managing public timber resources. We've learned things we didn't know 20, 30, 40 years ago about the risks associated with aerial spray and the alternatives to that practice. We can improve our practices, for healthier forests and safer rural communities.

You have an opportunity to protect Oregonians with these two important bills. This is the right thing to do. Please help get these passed now!

Thank you,
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