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To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: SB 926 — STRONG SUPPORT

Chair Dembrow and members of the committee:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my strong support for SB 926 — legislation to prohibit aerial spraying of pesticides over state owned lands.

This legislation is not only critical for protecting forest ecosystems, but it is key to protecting our drinking water supply from contamination by toxic chemicals and protecting people and animals from drift from aerial sprayed chemicals.

Oregon law currently allows aerial spraying of herbicides on private land and on state land, but this practice is not allowed in federal forests. In fact, aerial spraying has been prohibited on federal land for decades. This is as it should be, as we know that adequate safeguards do not exist to prevent contamination of soil, water, and animals from these ultra-hazardous chemicals.

Oregonians have been getting sick and dying from exposure to chemical trespass from aerial spraying for decades. This bill may not put an end to all of the harm from that practice, but it's an important start.

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