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To: SENR Exhibits
Cc: Rep Mitchell; Sen Johnson
Subject: Support for SB931 and SB926

Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee,

*We have been waiting **so long** for these types of legislation to come to the fore. We who live all along the Oregon Coast live in a state of anxiety when the weather is calm, sunny and beautiful. When we hear the sound of helicopters we **know** that there will be poison flying. There will be chemicals drifting on the air. We hear these sounds, observe the results and have had no recourse. It feels like we are in a war zone that is sanctioned by the State with the rules written by and for the corporate tree farms.*

*When you step back and look at it, it's a pretty bizarre culture that sanctions this type of assault on the general populace along with the relentless decimation of our forests, streams, wildlife, salmon, rivers ... and all for the sake of someone's **bottom line** ... for people who don't even live here or care about the place. This ransacking is all about the **\$\$\$\$** isn't it? Strange, and the ultimate sacrifice is the loss of our once majestic forests - shorn, denuded, eroded, burned, poisoned multiple times over, death at all levels, death by a thousand cuts.*

Please support the following bills:

SB931 - Updates FERNS notification system:

- SB931 simply asks for a 24-48 hour notice so neighbors and water users can prepare and protect themselves by doing things like turning off water intakes that could be impacted, or closing bee-boxes to protect pollinators.
- Good Neighbors don't mind telling each other when there will be a helicopter overhead.
- SB931 is a common sense measure that calls for corporations to be better neighbors, and let nearby homes, schools and businesses know when they will be spraying herbicides out of helicopters.
- SB931 asks that companies report **what chemicals they actually sprayed** once their operation is done, neighbors and water users deserve to know this information in an accurate timely manner.
- Modern Technology is already being used by the industry and the Department of Forestry already has the tools in place to provide more transparency today, **this is a reasonable solution to a major problem.**

SB926 - Stops Aerial Spray on State Lands

- Oregon's Public Forest-lands are important **sources of drinking water** for many communities, homes and schools.
- Public lands are needed for **public enjoyment, and users should be protected** from aerial spraying.
- Federal Public Lands banned this practice decades ago in the interest of public health and safety. State Public Lands should follow their lead and **recognize the importance of mixed-use on public forest lands.**

- **Hikers, campers and anglers have no way of knowing** which ridge they shouldn't cross or which bend around the river might put them at risk.

Thank you for your consideration,
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