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Regarding Senate Bill Number: [SB 931](#)
UPDATE OREGON'S FOREST ACTIVITY ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (FERNs)
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Dear State Senators,

I'm writing to provide public testimony in support of SB 931. Please vote to support this bill to keep the public informed about herbicide spraying. While it doesn't go far enough to protect the public, it is a step in the right direction.

I am an organic farmer in the Illinois Valley of southern Oregon. The valley is surrounded by timber lands. I was living near a timber sale that was sprayed with 2, 4-D and Garlon back in the late 1980s. We were supposed to be notified prior to the spraying but were not. Our water source was contaminated, and we may have been exposed to drift. My son and I were quite sick and couldn't get out of bed for almost a week. I developed growths that had to be removed. My liver is still compromised, and I need to lead a "clean" life. This kind of poisoning is harmful to humans and other creatures that cannot choose to not drink the water, or leave the area.

I think there are better options to spraying herbicides and pesticides in almost every case. But for now, please increase protections for the public. I consider it chemical trespass and a violent attack on the health of my family (including the animals on my farm).

Thank you for voting to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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