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Greetings,

Pass bills to protect Oregon residents – clean air and water should come first. These basic protections can help people to avoid costly and sometimes deadly health issues.

Passing these bills will not stop businesses from making money or keep people from their livelihood of timber cutting jobs. It will, however, protect humans and wildlife. This is a no brainer unless your pockets are being padded by the timber industry.

It is unconscionable to ignore that communities like Rockaway Beach have had their water poisoned by bad practices that continue all over the state. How many communities you are willing to sacrifice?

SB 926 (<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB926>) will prohibit aerial spraying in state forests (it's already banned on federal forests) and SB 931 (<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB931>) will require the timber companies to inform people who sign up on the FERNS system of more accurate dates of spraying, if the spray has to be rescheduled, and requires notification of specific pesticides being used in the spray. This would enable people to assure that they can avoid spray areas and keep animals protected.

Sincerely,  
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