

## Watts Remy

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**To:** Sen Prozanski; SENR Exhibits  
**Subject:** Support for SB931 and SB926

Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee:

I am a resident of Douglas County and I am writing to voice my support for SB931 and SB926. I moved here from Western Washington and was shocked to learn about the lack of common sense laws regarding aerial herbicide spraying. I had always believed that Oregon was "ahead" of Washington when it came to matters such as this. But, sadly, it turns out I was wrong.

I live in an area bounded by public lands. Again, I always had assumed that living near public lands would mean I lived near protected lands. In Washington, I used to camp and fish on BLM land that was managed for such mixed use, including cattle ranching and fly-fishing (land that was well-managed for two seemingly contradictory uses, but it worked!). Here, I find that apart from the occasional campground, the public lands seem set aside for logging (the impact on our local wildlife is tangible) and to learn about the spraying was salt in the wound.

We derive our drinking water from a natural spring not more than three miles from public land. I have a vegetable garden here. We hike and fish here. We deserve to know what is being sprayed and when it is being sprayed, at minimum. That's just common-sense, neighborly, and frankly humane. (To use Washington as an example, there is a 5-day notice requirement.) If you fail to support SB931, you are taking a stand for profit over the lives and well-being of those whom you claim to represent. If you recognize this, then support for SB932 is the logical next step. The US Forest Service banned aerial spraying in national forests in 1984. Need I say more?

Sincerely,  
Camilla Paynter

*"Do no dishonour to the earth, lest you dishonour the spirit of man. Hold your hands over the earth as over a flame. To all who love her...she gives of her strength, sustaining them with her own measureless tremor of dark life.... For all the gifts of life are the earth's and they are given to all...."*

*--Henry Beston, 1928*