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As a Salem, Oregon resident whose family was affected by last summer's toxic public water supply, I am writing in support of HR2656. Clean water is a fundamental municipal service that all citizens expect. If foresters are allowed to use pesticides and fertilizers in areas that run off into our lakes and streams, it will not be possible to provide clean drinking water to our residents.

Although some of the forestry companies may object to this bill, it will have little economic impact on them, since the fines for violating the law are very low. If companies comply with the law, they stand to save quite a bit of money by eliminating the purchase of pesticides and herbicides from their budgets.

Fertilizers are one of the main causes of toxic algae blooms. I am encouraged to see that our legislators are taking this threat to public health and safety seriously through the introduction of this bill. Please pass this important legislation.

Thank you,
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