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Dear Representative Ken Helm:

I am writing in support of HB 2656, the Safe Waters Act of 2019, and to encourage you to do what you can to move this bill forward into a work session.

I have lived in South Tillamook County for 26 years and am a registered, active voter. I live on a year-round creek and on the Nestucca River and am gravely concerned with the safety of my drinking water. There are clearcuts and logging roads all around us and some areas have been sprayed. I worry about the long-term health of my husband and me, our neighbors, all coastal communities, and the overall health of our state.

The Safe Waters Act would prohibit the most harmful clearcuts, the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers and new road construction. Together, these actions are Oregon's best bet for ensuring a plentiful and clear drinking water supply into the future.

There is sufficient evidence that industrial forest practices are harming drinking water supplies. Rockaway Beach, Arch Cape, and Siletz are just three examples of communities that have been affected. Rockaway Beach was forced to upgrade their treatment plant at a cost of \$1.6 million to ensure their water is safe to drink.

Some foresters in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California (large and small) manage their lands under stricter requirements and do so profitably.

The depth and urgency of Oregon's water quality issues have been reported recently in the media. The information is shocking and disappointing and frightening. The time to act is now.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Kim Cavatorta
A Concerned Oregonian