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To the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

Those of us in Cedar Valley, Gold Beach, Oregon have lived with the helicopter aerial spray incident since October, 2013. Even though steps have been taken to improve the spray practices, our community is still trying to recover. Since the horrible event happened when forty-five people complained to the Department of Agriculture, six people have died. Two of the people were outside and were directly hit with the spray.

The rest of us have suffered through our water drinking sources, health of our property and volatilization.

We fear we will have to live with the results of this assault for the rest of our lives. It makes us wonder what kind of quality of life is in store for us?

We still strongly feel the State of Oregon should do all it can to protect its citizens. The Legislature can set up a good system to notify people before an aerial spray occurs. If our neighborhood had received notification, many of us would not have been directly exposed.

We ask that you pass SB931.

Thank you, John & Barbara Burns