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To—Oregon Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Dear Mr Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the bills SB 926 and 931.

I am a farmer, forestland and mine owner and retired reforestation contractor.

—I have witnessed the effects of aerial poisoning of forests for the last 50 years that I have worked in them.

—I have seen how the reckless, state-protected use of aerial poison herbicides has devastated the land, air and waters of the state.

— I have witnessed how the aerial poison has drifted onto the private property of many Oregon families, contaminating their living bodies, their animals, land and water supplies.

-- I have witnessed the effect of the ending of wholesale poisoning of federal forests since 1983—more jobs, improved fisheries and soil and biodiversity protections

I urge you today to eliminate the aerial poisoning of Oregon's state-owned forests through SB 926.

I further urge you to implement the improvements of the FERNS outreach, improvements that will give endangered families the chance to minimally protect themselves from state-coordinated aerial poison trespass through SB 931.

It is important for your committee to remember that the state of Oregon has taken the constitutional property rights of its citizens in order to assist the timber deforestation industries establish 4 million acres of polluting, chemical dependent industrial tree farms. Now is not the opportunity to address the constitutional takings that lead directly to the issues of public and environmental health before the committee.

But this is the opportunity to pass meaningful legislation that affords minimal protections to the citizens, land, air, waters and biodiversity of Oregon. This is your duty.

I urge you, do not cave to the deforestation industries that have run Oregon into the ground. Stand up for the inseparability of human and environmental health. Do not gut, weaken or water-down SB 926 and 921. Pass them out. Do your duty.

Sincerely,

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