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**From:** Dale Claassen <DaleClaassen@HamptonLumber.com>  
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**To:** SENR Exhibits; Sen Dembrow; Sen Olsen; Sen Bentz; Sen Prozanski; Sen Roblan; Patrino Beth; Kristina McNitt  
**Subject:** Correction of testimony by Lisa Arkin on 4/2/19 in support of SB 931

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Dale Claassen and I am a forester with Hampton Family Forests. On April 2, 2019, testimony provided by Ms. Lisa Arkin of Beyond Toxics in support of SB 931 mischaracterized Hampton's policies regarding no-spray buffers and I would like to formally correct the record. In her testimony, Ms. Arkin stated that in a workshop I reported that Hampton "voluntarily observes a 60' no-spray buffer from the neighboring property line, which provides more protection than the Oregon Forest Practices Act requirement for a 60' buffer from a home or school building." This statement implies that Hampton always observes a no-spray buffer of 60' as a matter of internal company policy. This is incorrect. At Hampton, we endeavor to be responsive to the requests and interests of our neighbors whenever possible, however, as a matter of policy our actions are always guided by the Oregon Forest Practices act buffer requirements.

I appreciate Ms. Arkin's acknowledgement of our communication efforts regarding herbicide applications. She is correct that we take herbicide applications very seriously and extensive planning is required for every treatment. She is also correct that we feel communication with neighbors is an important part of our work. Proactive communication with neighbors is a regular part of my job and I am indeed proud of Hampton's record of being a good neighbor and steward of the environment.



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