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Mr. Jon Jennings,

I am writing to you about the proposed ruling by the Department of Ecology to restrict the ability of mosquito districts to adulticide over water sources such as lakes, rivers, streams, etc. It is very concerning to me that this ruling will prevent districts from being able to adequately control mosquito populations. Having grown up about twenty minutes outside the Tri-cities I personally have experienced the vast difference between adequate and appropriate control and what occurs when mosquito populations go unchecked. Without control going outside around dusk and dawn is nearly unbearable due to the clouds of mosquitoes that are present. Not only is this an extreme nuisance that greatly reduces the quality of life in these districts it is also a health issue as mosquitoes can also transmit the West Nile Virus along with several other viruses. The full long term effects of WNV are unknown and could be quite severe. The immediate consequences of contraction of the disease are very alarming for the very young and the elderly. I find it very troubling that the Department of Ecology is trying to take away the best tool Districts have to break the cycle of disease by performing adulticiding. While I am sure an exception will probably be included for health matters to allow adulticiding by that point many people may become infected before a positive sample can be confirmed. I am hopeful that the Department of Ecology will rethink this proposed ruling and allow Mosquito Districts to continue adulticiding according to the label on the adulticide. From both a quality of life point of view and the health standpoint I think it is in the best interest of the average Washingtonian for this proposal to not become the final ruling. Thank you for your time. If you have any questions of me feel free to email me.

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