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Hello,

I am writing to testify about the devastation of the vector mosquito. I have lived off and on in Moses Lake, Washington for going on 50 years. When I first moved to Moses Lake, the mosquitoes were bad. At times, they were too bad to enjoy the outdoors. My neighbor across the road from me was my age and her younger sister, Verna, had contracted encephalitis as a baby. It devastated that family. Little Verna had to live out her entire life at Medical Lake, her little brain never developed past the age of a 6 year old. She never got to enjoy her home life and never got to play with her other siblings. Little Verna lived to be 26 years old and never got to be a family member just because of this devastating disease. As I understand that is why the Mosquito Control Board formed, was because of the encephalitis disease. I had another neighbor that farmed with horses and every year he would lose horses. I had rather forgot about the disease, and now looking back, it was probably because of the outstanding job the Mosquito Control has done. Then a few years ago, one of the veterinarians here in Moses Lake had a child that contracted encephalitis. This tells me that the disease is still here. Now we also have West Nile along with encephalitis.

I am for the environment and I appreciate clean air and water, but when it comes to human life over animals or fish, I think that a human should win. Please do not inhibit the Mosquito Control's ability to protect human life.

Thank you,

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