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Dear Mr. Jennings:

In years past I have called our mosquito control district with concerns about adult mosquitoes. They have helped me out by fogging in my neighborhood. I am concerned that The Mosquito Control Permit that is currently being considered will prevent the district from quickly responding to these problems.

I know the district spends a lot of time and money on larva control and I'm sure this helps, but they never seem to get them all. Mosquito control programs must be allowed to control adult mosquitoes as well. I am asking you to reword the permit so that we can continue to have adult mosquito control when needed.

We expect our mosquito control district to respond when we call with a mosquito problem. We pay for this service with tax dollars because we want to enjoy the outdoors during the summer months. Don't write rules that will prevent our district from fogging when we have so many mosquitoes that we need to call for their help. I own several horses and we have to bring them in the barn at night even when it is nice out due to the mosquito problem because we are worried that the mosquitoes may be carrying Equine Encephalitis. We also spend countless amounts of money purchasing mosquito repellent for our horses, cows, and dogs. My animals aren't the only ones affected by this nuisance, my children constantly have bites covering their legs and upper body during the summer months when they are in zones that the county does not spray.

I feel that if you pass this permit to only spray mosquitoes in their larval stages that you will have a lot of people taking matters into their own hands and spraying with chemicals that will be much more harmful to more species than just mosquitoes. I reside on Silver Lake in Toutle and since the State and County does not do a very good job at maintaining the condition of our lake it has turned into an enormous breeding ground for Mosquitoes. You can destroy all the larva on land that you want but it's still not going to help with the adult reproductive mosquitoes on the lake, which is where most of the mosquitos reside. It seems that even though our taxes keep going up, up, up we are receiving less, and less. If you believe that we do not need mosquito control in our areas that are inhabited by nuisance mosquitoes than I personally invite you up to my house on any summer night of your choice, and we'll see just how long you can stand outside wearing any mosquito repellent of your liking and you will experience just how bad they are. It does not matter what clothing you're wearing, how many citronella candles are burning, or what sprays you have applied to your skin they are just down right unbearable. We need the Mosquito Control.

Sincerely,  
T.J. Norris  
Toutle, WA

P.S. It would also be a nice gesture if meetings regarding this issue were held closer to locations like Silver Lake, West Kelso, and West Longview where the problem actually exists. Many of us feel strongly about this but do not have the time or money to travel to Moses Lake.

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