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Dear Mr. Jennings,

I have prevailed upon our Mosquito Control District to help with adult mosquito infestations several times since I moved to Cowlitz County in 1980. The darned things seem to come out in swarms about sundown when we are trying to rest and have dinner outside of our house. Sometimes being outside at night is the only reprieve we get from the hot summer weather.

I don't know what your experience with mosquito swarms has been but inhaling them and having them in your eyes is almost as bad as waking up the next morning with itching boils on your hands and face. Over the last several years there have been increasing reports of mosquito born West Nile Virus in the Northwest and that is very worrisome as well.

We have many wetlands in our county. Much of the lowland areas are reclaimed swamplands and higher elevations are blessed with springs, creeks, ponds, and several lakes. The District makes a commendable effort to establish larvae control but there are just too many breeding places for treatment to be completely effective. I am requesting that you revise the pesticide permit in such a manner as to allow our Mosquito Control District to continue the adult eradication treatments.

In these difficult economic times there are not many public services that I would willingly choose to pay taxes to finance. Mosquito control is a service that I most gladly pay for. We have only a few precious months out of the year to enjoy our time outdoors and the proposed permit rules threaten to take those away from us. Please reconsider the wording of the rules to allow our Mosquito Control District to continue to spray for adult mosquitoes when we call upon them for relief.

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