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I am writing this letter in response to information given to me regarding the way mosquitos are to be controlled in the Burbank, Washington area. With all the preventative measures that are being used today it still is very hard to be outside when the weather is warmer. Most of the time during the summer we retire earlier into our house. This is not because we want to but because we have to. Our family makes use of torches, off products, and anything else to help eliminate mosquitos infestations. We have even bought our own mosquito magnet(which did not help at all) in order to have quality time outside. Most people who are bit by a mosquito develop small spots on the body where they were bitten. Both my daughter and I develop spots that usually develop to quarter size and can be painful. We actually ask the mosquito control district to spray into our yard to help keep down the mosquitos. I am not unfamiliar with mosquitos and what they can do. I lived in northern Alberta, Canada for 12yrs.

I believe that we should be able to control the mosqitos so that our quality of life is not decreased more than it is now. I would understand if I lived in a rural area that I should expect to have mosquitos that are not as controlled as they should be. I happen to live in Burbank off of Hanson Loop and pay taxes to help control the mosquitos so that I can have the quality of life I expect. If you are going to decrease the control being done then I should expect a decrease in the taxes I pay to help with the prevention. I know in most major cities you dont have the problem that we have so when it looks great on paper you think that it will not affect people. Well I challenge you to come out here and spend a week or two during summer and see if still feel the same. I would like to commend the mosquito control personnel we have because they do all that they can with what they have to give us the relief that we do receive.

I know that west nile virus is all around us in Benton, Franklin, Yakima, and Umatilla counties. I sincerely believe that is is through the efforts of our personnel that we have yet to have any in our part of Walla Walla county. It is a source of concern for me as I have children and a disabled husband. I would ask that you please carefully consider all things concerned when you approve a measure not on how it affects cost but on how it will impact the quality of life for people. I urge you to reconsider all things concerned. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

John Thompson