

Summer 2016

Dear Friend,

This year we're proud to have reached a milestone: FIFTEEN years of environmental action for the people of Oregon. YOU and communities across Oregon have helped us get here!

**From the start, Beyond Toxics made it clear that we were not afraid to tackle the most dangerous environmental threats.**

We took on one of Oregon's biggest polluters – the grass seed industry – and challenged an obsolete system that burdened the public with toxic pollution. The successful result was a new law requiring stronger air quality protections for people and the environment. In the end, our vision of healthy, clean air triumphed over an archaic approach to agriculture!

Beginning in 2013, Beyond Toxics helped rural communities draw attention to the rampant abuse of herbicides in forestry. We raised red warning flags about the urgency of ending aerial herbicide sprays. Like field burning, dumping poisonous chemicals from the sky on Oregon's forest ecosystems is a perilous practice shown to be unnecessary and dangerous.

Aerial herbicide sprays threaten our drinking water, salmon habitats and air quality. The practice is especially harmful to rural communities and forestry workers.

***Although we go up against seemingly insurmountable odds, Beyond Toxics is leaving a lasting environmental legacy.***

During 2015, Beyond Toxics launched our Climate Justice Project. We are going into communities and speaking at the State Legislature, sharing an exciting plan to put Oregon at the forefront of achieving true climate justice. Our urban-rural partnerships are bringing all Oregonians together to demand climate solutions now!

***So what's the impact of our work?  
Each of our successful campaigns ensures that Oregon adopt lasting and equitable laws for environmental solutions.***

We are working to protect Oregon's ecological treasures so they endure for future generations. Our vision is one that tackles the root causes of today's problems. We call out for justice, and include the voices of those whose health is most affected by the dangers we face.

Will you help us continue our effective programs to build a healthy, non-toxic Oregon with your donation? Be a vital part of this exciting action! Please support the most dedicated and successful environmental protection work you'll find anywhere.

Sincerely,



Lisa Arkin, Executive Director



Lisa and her first grandson, Avi.

P.S. Beyond Toxics is a grassroots, community-focused non-profit. Your donation makes a significant difference in our ability to advocate on your behalf. Consider becoming a monthly member or giving a gift membership.