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Dear Chair Dembrow,

I urge a no vote on HB 3058 and SB 853. My husband and I farm in Columbia County Oregon and we need these important tools to produce our crops.

It is poor policy to make pesticide use decisions product by product instead of science based. Farmers all over the state need these products to protect our food supply and meet the needs of our growing population.

Many of Oregon's specialty crops (some of which we grow) have State approved Special Needs Label Registrations for chlorpyrifos since there are no alternative products available for certain crops.

HB3058 and SB853 would completely ban the sale, distribution and use of all pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos and be devastating to Oregon agriculture producers that depend on these pesticides for their operations. The unique nature of Oregon's diverse agriculture results in very few, if any, products for controlling pests in some crops.

Chlorpyrifos and Neonicotinoids insecticides are important components to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs and Insect Resistance Management Programs. Use of IPM cropping systems and preventing pest resistance can lead to more sustainable agriculture and reduced farming costs, allowing famers to minimize production costs while supporting a sustainable food supply.

Please support Oregon's farmers and vote No on HB 3058 and SB 853.

Sincerely,

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