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Chair Dembrow and members of the committee,
I'm Clair Klock, retired farmer with private applicator and pesticide consultant licenses. I was able to reduce the fertilizer and pesticide application on the farm I leased by over 50%. I have consulted with small farm owners as a conservation specialist with a conservation district as to the proper use and reduced use of agricultural and forest chemicals over the past 20 years. I'm sad that the decision as to enter the legislature instead of science-based organization. EPA can no longer be trusted as per the policies of the present federal administration.

I urge your opposition to S. 853. Even in the light that the US EPA under the present administration now chooses to support chemical company profits over health and safety of people I would say that a ban on this chemical is not warranted. If the label is followed then it is it should be reasonably safe and remains one of the effective tools to avoid genetic resistant to a variety of insects. The importance of maintaining a wide variety of chemicals with different activation classes can not be overemphasized. If continued defection of the chemicals in stream persist, then the legislature should review the ban for the future.

Thank you

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