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To: SENR Exhibits
Cc: Dana Tuckness
Subject: SB853

Chair Dembrow and Committee,

I urge you to oppose SB853 due to the dire consequences it would have on Oregon agriculture. I am a 5th generation Oregon food producer from Malheur County, my family settling here in the 1860's. My current rotation of crops are wheat, sugar beets, dry bean seed and corn. Chlorpyrifos is labeled for most of the crops grown in my area. It is an extremely important, safe pesticide which I have been using for many years. There are crops which would have no replacement, were we to lose the use of this product. This could devastate the production of these crops. Inexpensive proven pesticides are needed to continue the safe production of food for the people of Oregon and the world.

Neonicotinoids are another very important product that are used in production on my farm. It is used in seed treatment and gives the emerging plant a leg up against many pests such as wire worm and aphids, which can cause a huge loss of production. A local bee keeper brings honey bees out to my fields every year just for the production of honey, as none of my current crops require the use of pollinators. There has not been a problem with loss of bees due to the use of any of the pesticides being used on my farm including neonicotinoids.

Please say NO to SB853. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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