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To the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Please accept this testimony in support of passage of SB 853:

As an Oregon citizen and beekeeper concerned about both pollinator survival and human safety, I urge your committee to move forward to pass SB 853 to ban the purchase, sale, and use of Chlorpyrifos and to reclassify all biocides containing Neonicotinoids as Restricted Use Pesticides requiring certification and training before buying, selling, or disseminating this particularly highly toxic class of pesticides. As more and more scientific evidence accumulates, it has become very clear that both Chlorpyrifos and Neonicotinoids are highly dangerous in their impacts on life forms large and small.

For the benefit of many living beings, removing neonicotinoid pesticides from store shelves in Oregon will be beneficial. In addition making it easier for affected agricultural interests to get the training they need by reducing certification costs and increasing the annual fee paid by pesticide manufacturers are great ideas. This Bill has much to recommend it.

Thanks so much for your work to move this important bill forward to passage in this legislative session.



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