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To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: Use of Lorsban

Dear Representatives,

I am a Mid-Willamette Valley farmer who relies on the use of Lorsban. This product is detrimental to the success and profitability of my business. We are faced with many harmful pests that can wipe out our crops. As of date there is no replacement as effective on insect control and labeling that allows us to use on such a variety of crops. I raise grass seed, peppermint, sweet corn, bush beans, wheat, and specialty seeds (spinach, mustard, radish, arugula, etc). I use lorban on almost all of these crops and is a critical tool in my integrated pest control process. That being said it is not always used. Some crops it is used as a preventative but in a lot of cases it is used as rescue application because of a severe insect infestation. I believe that if this tool is taken out of our arsenal there will be severe crop failures, loss of income, and crops that are just plain not going to be raised here anymore.

Thank you for reading this and please consider supporting your farmers and vote no on Senate Bill 853