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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of House Bill 3058. I am so glad to see this bill before the Oregon Legislature. I am very concerned and worried about the decline of pollinators, and the overwhelming evidence that pesticide are poisoning us.

Chlorpyrifos is a neurotoxic pesticide that is very harmful to children, pregnant women, farmworkers, wildlife and beneficial insects. The EPA was ordered by federal courts to ban this dangerous pesticide from use on food crops. Oregon should take the strongest possible action to protect farm workers, children, the safety of our food and the environment with a statewide ban on chlorpyrifos. We can no longer wait for a dysfunctional EPA to take action. Hawaii has already banned chlorpyrifos and other states are taking action as well.

Chlorpyrifos is very harmful to farmworkers and are linked to developmental disabilities in children. These are highly toxic nerve agent pesticides that can damage the developing brains of babies and children, leading to lower birth weight, reduced IQ, loss of memory, and delayed motor development.

Neonicotinoids can persist in the environment many years after their application and are highly toxic to bees, beneficial insects, fish and birds. We urge the Oregon Legislative Assembly to add these bee-killing pesticides to Oregon's list of Restricted Use Pesticides. This step would remove neonic containing products from consumer store shelves, require training and a license to apply them and reduce their impact in urban areas.

There is mounting evidence* that neonicotinoids may be associated with congenital heart defects, neural tube defects, and autism spectrum disorder as well as being capable of disrupting normal hormone function in humans.

Neonics impact our ability to grow healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecological and sustainable ways, and our right to define our own food and agriculture systems.

Neonicotinoids indiscriminately kill all insects and aquatic invertebrates, a.k.a., beneficial insects that support ecosystems.

I strongly believe that no one has the right to poison our collective environment, the environment that we share with myriads of other creatures, to further their own economic interests. For too long we have allowed the few to profit at the expense of the many and at the expense of the health of our ecosystem and the very existence of life on this planet. With this bill, you have the opportunity to take a small step towards righting a decades long wrong and preserving life on earth for a few more years.

Thank you for your support of this bill!

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