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Dear committee members

Banning chlorpyrifos from Oregon will take away an important tool for Oregon farmers to use for effective pest control. Chlorpyrifos is an effective tool against all root and seed maggots that are difficult to impossible to control in our climate. The Governor and legislators say they the agricultural industry is important to the Oregon economy, but now you are going to make it extremely difficult and uneconomical for us to keep the doors open. If our crops have increased insect damage it will decrease yield and require us to use more land, fertilizer, and fossil fuels to make up the difference in yield. All of that is damaging to the climate and the farmers pocket book. We as farmers use pesticides in a responsible manner that is part of an integrated pest management system. Contrary to popular belief farmers are not out to kill or harm people with pesticides. We are here to produce food by using pesticides in a responsible way, and protect us from outside sources of food where pesticides are used in a careless manner without any regulation. The State of Oregon leadership talks about helping farmers succeed, taking away one of our tools is not helping. Make sensible decisions not whatever you "feel".

With regards

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