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To: Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
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Subject: SB 853, Prohibits sale, purchase or use of pesticide chlorpyrifos

I urge you to pass SB 853 out of committee.

I was shocked when the Trump administration appealed an EPA decision and subsequent court ruling to prohibit uses of the pesticide chlorpyrifos. The organophosphate is a well-documented hazard to the nervous systems of children and wildlife. The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in August 2018 found “no justification” for the EPA to continue allowing chlorpyrifos uses “in the face of scientific evidence that its residue on food causes neurodevelopmental damage to children.”

Oregon must take action to protect its children. Under federal pesticides law, states cannot set standards less stringent than those established by the EPA, but they can establish more protective standards. Hawaii became the first state to ban chlorpyrifos. Oregon now has an opportunity to follow suit.

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