

## Watts Remy

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**From:** Brian Parker <brian@parkerseeds.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** SENR Exhibits  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on SB853 to ban chlorpyrifos!

Regarding HB3058 and SB 853: Please vote NO

My family has farmed in the Willamette Valley for 35 years. We live in the house my wife grew up in. We have 10 full time employees who make family wage jobs with benefits.

Regarding removal of Chlorpyrifos in Oregon:

A: I submit that Oregon Legislators do not have the expertise or scientific knowledge to be able to decide whether pesticides should be allowed or not. We have a regulatory system in place to decide these matters. It has worked very well for many years at the federal as well as the state level.

B: Though we do not always use this product, it represents a different chemistry that sometimes is needed for certain uses and to prevent resistance buildup caused by using other chemicals with the same mode of action. Removing this tool from our list of allowed items will cause other tools to lose effectiveness.

C: If the state legislature feels it has the right to remove our tools based on their own ideas, rather than science, then it becomes a great concern to me whether the future of my business can be sustained. I will be forced to run my business without knowing in advance of what the rules are to be.

Many in agriculture are greatly worried that Oregon will increasingly be a state where it is difficult or impossible to do business in an increasingly expensive and regulatory environment. My wife and I, both born in Oregon, are increasingly worried there will be no future here for Agriculture.

Please understand the ramifications of what you are thinking of doing. If this passes, then what may we expect in the future, more micromanagement from the state legislature?

Sincerely,

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