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To the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use:

I am an Oregonian, and a mother, and I strongly urge you to pass House Bill 3058.

We can no longer wait to take bold action to protect farm workers, children, the safety of our food and the environment. Chlorpyrifos is very harmful to farmworkers and is 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. Let's follow Hawaii's lead, and enact a statewide ban on chlorpyrifos.

We must further ban neonicotinoids, which 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. Equally awful, neonicotinoids indiscriminately kill all insects and aquatic invertebrates. We cannot risk ecological collapse by destroying beneficial insects that support ecosystems.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Leverette