

Dear Senator Roblan, Rep. Gomberg & Oregon House Committee on Rules,

As your constituent, I'm writing to ask all of you to Support House Bill 2619, Ban Chlorpyrifos, Protect Children & Pollinators. Oregon League of Conservation Voters is supporting HB 2619 to Protect Children & Pollinators.

It's long over due for the time we Ban Chlorpyrifos in Oregon. Chlorpyrifos—a potent insecticide—poses a significant risk to farmworkers and rural communities. Exposure to chlorpyrifos in high enough doses can lead to paralysis or even death, and studies have shown that chlorpyrifos is particularly damaging to children. Even small doses can cause developmental issues, lowered IQ scores, and impaired cognitive development. Exposed pregnant woman run the risk of lowered birth weight, and an increased risk for developmental issues in their babies. Please, protect Oregon's Children by Voting Yes on HB 2619.

Protect All of Nature & Humans by passing HB 2619. Like all organophosphates, chlorpyrifos drifts when it's sprayed, so, in addition to farmworkers and their families, nearby communities are also at risk. And it's not only the drift itself that's dangerous; crops sprayed with chlorpyrifos—including oranges, strawberries, and wheat, among others—are often contaminated. Chlorpyrifos lasts for years in the soil, and washes into rivers and streams, where it bioaccumulates in the fish many of us eat. In short, we are all exposed to chlorpyrifos on a daily basis. There's no reason to continue using this pesticide, when we know how much damage it's causing the ecosystem, our water quality and the health of Oregonians. Hawaii has already banned chlorpyrifos; now it's our turn.

Please votes yes on HB 2619. 90% of Indigenous Plants are dependent on Indigenous Pollination for Future Generations. ODOT & Lincoln County Commissioners with Community Volunteers has formed the first Oregon

Highway Pollinators Habitat Corridor Partnership. A Public & Private Collaboration to Protect 26 miles of Hwy 101 from Newport/South Beach to Yachats Cape Perpetua Cooks Chasms County Line for a No Spray Zone, since 2005. What has happened in the last 14 years of the No Spray Zone has been amazing to see the recovery of Oregon Indigenous Pollinator Plants. Even in the worst recorded droughts of 2015 & 2018, Indigenous Pollinator Indigenous Plants Recovered & Bloom the Whole Season from Spring to late Fall Frosts. There were 26 miles of Native Blooming Plants for many kinds of Pollinators, Bee's, Butterflies, Moths, Insects, Bats, Birds & Mammals.

Use Ecosystem Best Management Principals, Practices, Policies, Protection & Restoration for Humans & Indigenous Flora & Fauna. Ecosystem balance is critical. Chlorpyrifos are a great danger to Oregon current & future Generations of all species, Human & Nature, but especially Children & Pollinators. Please Vote Yes on HB 2619 Thank you for your full consideration of consequences to the environment & life's food chain.

Sincerely,

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