

Dear Chair Holvey,

Chlorpyrifos are toxic chemicals that were developed in the 1960s by Dow, since then this group of chemicals have be found to be highly toxic and cause damage to humans, and the environment. It is time we developed smarter ways of producing food, without poisoning our soil, insects, waterways...and humans, especially children. The World Health Organization has deemed it actuely toxic, meanwhile millions of pounds of it drench our country side each year in the US. On Aug. 9th 2018 the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the EPA to ban the sale, but this was immediatley appealed by the Trump Administration. Let's protect life, not corporate profits. I run a farmers market and know many farmers and their growing practices, none of them use this class of chemicals, even the bigger tree friut growers. It IS possible to grow food without this class of toxic chemical, it's outdated and its time for a change on OR Farms. Species are going extinct and we need to start NOW to reverse our impact on the earth. Please vote YES on Bill 2619.

Sincerely,

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