

Dear Representative,

HB 2619 is not an issue that should be taken up by the legislature. Politics should not be at play for such an important issue to Oregon agriculture. Real science and judgement from state and federal regulators is where this issue belongs.

I am an Oregon farmer, and this bill takes away one of the tools I have to help keep our food supply safe, and meet the needs of our growing population. Chlorpyrifos is sometimes the only thing we have for some crops, and we have special labels and requirements to handle these crops.

Other states and countries have strict phytosanitary standards, that Oregon crops will struggle to meet if you vote for this. It will put Oregon specialty ag at a disadvantage in the marketplace, and make our crops more expensive to grow.

Again, this is not a legislative issue. All chemicals are not dangerous and bad as the urban populations wishes to believe. These decisions need to be based on sound science, not emotional misinformation that will make the public feel better.

Thank you for reading,

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