

I'm taking a minute to write referencing HB2619.

Regardless of anyone's opinion on this important pest management tool, there are science based, federal and state agencies responsible and accountable for determining the uses and non-uses of individual pesticides. I don't know why uninformed legislators are pre-empting the good work being done by the EPA and ODA.

I am both a farmer and a procurement manager for Pratum Coop in Salem, Oregon. This product has been an important tool for decades to deal with certain insects in certain crops that can improve quality and yield. In some cases there are few alternatives.

Oregon is known for growing many niche or minor crops. This product has many special use labels to assure their success. It is important to the continued crop diversity of our important agricultural industry.

Growers are driven to do a couple things. First to grow a marketable crop so quality is important to the grower and the consumer. Second is to be sustainable which means being profitable and preserving their land and resources for future generations. This product is and has been one of many products that has enabled this ongoing success.

I would not like to see Chlorpyrifos banned as it is a proven and safe option for our agricultural community.

Thanks and feel free to reach out if you have other questions,
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