

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a crop advisor on 6,000 acres of grass grown for seed in central Oregon. Lorsban (chlorpyrifos) is a vitally important tool for controlling insect pests that effect this specialty crop. I hope you will stop HB 2619 and leave the regulation of Lorsban and other pesticides in the hands of the EPA and ODA under the framework provided in our current Federal laws. Leaving these matters to public opinion is problematic because of the misinformation that is so pervasive in our culture.

The loss of Lorsban could seriously undermine profitability of grass grown for seed in central Oregon because there is no clear substitute. The registration process for new pesticides seems to be getting more cumbersome, which increases our dependence on older pesticides like Lorsban.

Sincerely,  
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