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Subject: HB 4109 — in favor of banning the use of chlorpyrifos

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I strongly support House Bill 4109, which would limit and then eventually ban the use of chlorpyrifos in Oregon.

This chemical is especially dangerous due to its ability to cause neurological damage to babies, and it is additionally harmful to farmworkers and others who come into contact with it.

Regardless of its utility in the management of crops, this does not outweigh the permanent harm it can do to the health of people and to an array of animals.

I am especially aware of the damage that pesticides can do to human health due to my exposure to the dioxin in Agent Orange during my participation in the Vietnam War. In my opinion no amount of monetary profit can offset the damage that can be done by some pesticides. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of House Bill 4109.

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