From: Sharon Waterman
To: HHC Exhibits
Subject: Oppose HB 4109

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Dear Chair Salinas,

HB 4109 is unnecessary since the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has already initiated rule making to reduce worker exposure to chlorphyrifos and this piece of legislation would circumvent the state regulatory process. Chlorphyrifos is used as a tool in the Integrated Pest Management program. This bill opens the door for legislature to make pesticide use decisions on a product-by-product basis rather than relying on sound science, research, and state and federal regulator agencies. For many of the specialty crops, there is no other alternative products available for certain pest.

I ask you to oppose HB 4109 and allow the regulatory process in the state and federal agencies to do their work.

Sincerely,

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