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To: [HHC Exhibits](#)
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Dear Chair Salinas,

I am a grass seed farmer in Lebanon. The type of grass seed we predominantly raise is the latest to mature in the valley, making it the most susceptible to sod web worms, which will wipe out entire fields if left unchecked. My family's fields are even more susceptible, given that we have irrigated crops (even later maturity) and swath at night after allowing the crop to ripen even more.

There is NO alternative to fight sod web worm! I cannot raise my crop without Chlorpyrifos!

Banning this chemical would have devastating effects not only for my family's farm operation, but for Agriculture and Timber in general.

Please leave pesticide regulation in the hands of the ODA where it belongs. The legislature (especially the committee on health care who have no specialization in agriculture) is no place for such regulations. An entity already exists to do that job, so let them handle it.

Regards,
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Sincerely,

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