From:
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 To:
 HHC Exhibits

 Subject:
 Oppose HB 4109

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Dear Chair Salinas,

Please oppose HB 4109 the ban of chlorpyrifos (lorsban).

On my 148 yr old family farm we need the ability to use this product to stay viable for the next generation to care for the land.

Our farm mainly raises gras seed on the steep slopes of the Silverton hills our fields stay in production normally five years. We use lorsban only as needed for one pest, sodweb worm. The little creature can wipeout an entire field of grass of not controlled. Which means tilling the field more often.

We apply the chemical to the ground in the late fall normally in the rain or right before it rains because the chemical needs to be washed in the ground to work. If it lays on top of the ground more than 10 or12 hrs the sun and climate will degrade the chemistry and it goes away.

We do not have any other insecticides that can be applied to the crop for this pest it will never be fed for humans. The risk is so low for anyone to be harmed by it. We need an exemption from this ban on non food crops with no alternative.

Sincerely,

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