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To: [HHC Exhibits](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 4109
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Dear Chair Salinas,

I am a young farmer out of the Central Oregon area that is trying to make a living in the farming industry. I'm opposed to HB 4109 because of its negative impact on my farming operation and the future impact it could do to other tools I use on the farm.

I am optimistic that farming is still a relevant industry to Oregon, but with growing cost and regulations that are put on the farming operations in Oregon it is getting more and more discouraging. HB 4109 is one of the latest of these regulations that is being imposed on AG. As a farmer I need effective tools that can safely grow my products. Chlorpyrifos can be used to kill pest that are killing my crops or crops that I might grow in the future. Chlorpyrifos is just one of the tools I use to keep my crops healthy. They are also a good tool to reduce insect resistance by alternating methods of treating the crops. We need as many options available as possible to make sure we don't cause resistant pest that could then kill a whole crop.

There is no reason to ban a pesticide tool that is helping manage crops around Oregon. Farmers care about the environment and the people around their farm and Chlorpyrifos are just one of the tools they can use to do that. I ask you to please oppose HB 4109 so that that young farmers like me can keep farming in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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