

# Oregon Seed Growers League

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Andrea Salinas  
House Committee on Health Care  
900 Court Street  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Opposition to House Bill 4109 - Chlorpyrifos**

Dear Representative Salinas:

On behalf of Oregon grass seed producers, I am writing to oppose House Bill 4109, the proposed ban on chlorpyrifos.

This is a critical issue for seed producers, as it is for much of Oregon Agriculture. Ag producers are in the very difficult position of not having alternatives to manage destructive crop pests.

Issues of this magnitude need careful guidance, management and investment to find alternatives. The grass seed industry, while important to the Oregon economy, is a relatively small industry in the eyes of the global ag chemical manufacturers. These major investments won't come from them, we're entirely on our own as a State. A wrong step like what we see in HB 4109 will make the job of recovery and finding alternatives nearly impossible. That's a direct and severe impact to family farms across Oregon.

**Our industry encourages a NO vote on HB 4109**, but we do encourage the Oregon Legislature's help in finding alternatives to chlorpyrifos. That help is needed in the way of special research funding.

A healthy ag economy here in Oregon is in all of our interests.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Executive Director