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

Please oppose HB 4109. This bill is not good for farmers. I own a diversified farming operation in St. Paul, Oregon. We grow a number of different crops, all of which come with their own challenges and pests to control. Chlorpyrifos is an instrumental tool for us to be able to have in our tool box. Because of our climate here and the pests that come about and threaten our crops, chlorpyrifos is the best option. And I should say in most cases the ONLY option for control.

We use this insecticide very carefully. We always follow the law on how to apply the chemical, how to mid the chemical, and what PPE is required. Not only that, we also have strict restrictions on when you can come back into the area that has been sprayed. We adhere to these laws diligently.

I would like to point out that even the new bill creates a confusing set of rules. It mentions re-entry interval, but then doesn't allow for the rules to be the same across labels. We need to be consistent in regards to labels and wording.

There is currently a workgroup that is working on issues surrounding chlorpyrifos and I ask that you let that work group play out. I think that by having conversations around safety is the best place to start before we remove tools all together. And like I said, there is currently no alternatives, so we need time to find new technologies that may fill this space.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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