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Senator Gelser:

Chlorpyrifos is a chemical that none of us farmers relish having to use but it is a tool that we depend on in the absence of any viable alternative. I do not have a problem with banning the aerial application of it or restricting it within 300 feet of schools. But banning all uses will create real hardship.

We have used chlorpyrifos on our farm for over 40 years. We use a lot less of it than we did 20 years ago and only use it when we have no alternative. The most important use of it on our farm is as a seed treatment or as a granular application in furrow with the seed at planting. Our corn and bean seed has generally come with it on but there have been a number of times over the years when we have gotten seed that had not been treated and we did not realize it. 2 years ago we got one lot of bean seed that had not been treated with chlorpyrifos and did not realize it when we planted, we ended up losing 30% of our stand to seed corn maggot. Needless to say that field took a big hit in yield and lost us money.

Seed treatments and soil applications carry very little risk and are a very targeted use that are critical to the production of some crops.

The other use that I am concerned about losing even though it is not one we use on our farm is the soil drench for nursery stock that is transported across state lines. Invasive species that get transported around the country in nursery stock can and do cause significant environmental and economic issues, ultimately for everyone. And often lead to an increase in pesticide use which benefits no one but the chemical companies.

There is a lot of pressure from urban legislators for a complete ban. I'm hoping you can see your way to not supporting a full ban and instead support a compromise that protects the critical uses many of us who make our living from the land and care for the landscape in this state depend on to keep our operations viable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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