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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Please Oppose HB 4109 and Support the Compromise Amendments
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Dear Chair Dembrow,

My name is Denver Pugh and I am a sixth generation farmer in the Shedd area. I urge you to please vote NO on HB 4109.

I've been farming full time ever since I graduated from college 23 years ago and during this time there are some years I use Chlorpyrifos and some years I don't. I'm telling you this because this isn't a chemical I take likely but when I use it, it's because there are no other alternatives to the insect pests I'm trying to combat. The all out ban of Chlorpyrifos by 2022 does not allow for enough time to properly find and vet a replacement. If you ban Chlorpyrifos before there is a proper replacement, you risk the chance of letting certain insects take a stronghold in Oregon and become an invasive species. This will not only be detrimental to some of my crops but for others through out the state.

I understand the health concerns for using Chlorpyrifos but the Oregon Department of Agriculture has already began rule making procedures to regulate exposures. I don't understand why you don't trust a division of your own government who is put in place and qualified to make these decisions but will let a number of non agriculturally educated legislators opinions dictate over science and education the livelihood of many Oregon farmers and foresters.

Please let science and common sense matter in your decision making process and oppose HB 4109.

Sincerely,

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