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For the record, my name is Adriana Miranda, I am the Executive Director for Causa. Causa is an immigrant rights organization that works to improve the lives of Latinx immigrants and their families in Oregon through advocacy, coalition building, leadership development, and civic engagement. Latinx immigrants and their families are the heart of Causa and inspire, implement, and champion our work. Immigrant Oregonians enrich our communities and state. We are your neighbors, friends, family members, local business owners, students, and most importantly we are Oregonians.

I am here in support of HB 4109 to protect the health of Oregon, farmworkers and rural communities by phasing out chlorpyrifos in our state. Causa was founded 25 years ago by farmworkers, immigrants, and allies to protect immigrant families in Oregon. Farmworkers are the lifeline of our communities, state, and our economy. They help put food on the table for every single one of our families and put food on their own family's tables. If Oregon is to be the welcoming and inclusive state it prides on being it needs to ensure that farmworkers, many of them immigrant Oregonians, are afforded a safe and healthy workplace.



The use of chlorpyrifos in our state puts all of our health at risk. Children's health and brain function can be permanently and irreversibly harmed by exposure to neurotoxic pesticides such as chlorpyrifos, even at very low levels of exposure and even if this exposure happens before they are born. We are all at risk - our food, our children, pregnant mothers, farmworkers, rural and communities. This is a public health issue, it is essential to protect and improve the lives of our workers and the community.

We are using a chemical, similar to the ones used in Germany in World War II, let me repeat that, we are using a chemical, similar to the ones used in Germany in World War II in our food production and are exposing our most vulnerable workers to it. This cannot continue. Support for HB 4109 is support for the lives of all Oregonians, including immigrant farmworkers.