

February 21, 2020

Senator Dembrow, Chair  
Senator Baertschiger, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and natural Resources

**Re: SB 1530 Opposition**

Dear Chair Debrow, Vice-Chair Baertschiger, and Committee Members:

I am a fifth-generation farmers in the state of Oregon, and my family has been great stewards of the land and our natural resources for generations. I urge you to vote NO on HB 4109.

HB 4109 would ban chlorpyrifos, a very important tool for farmers in Oregon. It is often use for eradication of invasive pests, some of which have no other alternatives. Our nursery industry relies on the ability to ship clean material out of the state, and we need this important tool to be able to do that. Chlorpyrifos already has great restrictions on its use, and it is not the first choice when we spray. We use it in situations where there are no viable alternatives.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 4109, and encourage you to promote development of alternatives before eliminating the use of this much needed tool.

Sincerely,

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