Dear Chair Dembrow,

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has already initiated rulemaking to reduce worker exposure to chlorpyrifos. HB 4109 is a clear attempt to circumvent the state regulatory process, which is well underway and pursuing measures to protect human health.

Chlorpyrifos is an important part of Integrated Pest Management programs and Insect Resistance Management programs. Use of IPM cropping systems and preventing pest resistance can lead to more sustainable agriculture and reduced farming costs, allowing farmers to minimize production costs while supporting a sustainable food supply.

Sincerely,

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