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

As a farmer in Marion County and Yamhill County, I ask you to Vote "NO" on HB 4109.

There is already a process in place where the Oregon Department of Agriculture has initiated rulemaking to reduce worker exposure to chlorpyrifos. The legislature does not have the expertise to make pesticide use decisions – there are science teams and state and federal agencies that do.

As farmers we know the “label is the law” and we carefully follow the pesticide labels in our pesticide applications. Our workers are trained annually - those who will be applying/handling pesticides as well as those who work in the field. We only spray pesticides when necessary based on the severity of the pest that is present – the treatment threshold.

Oregon growers – especially those of the many specialty crops – need tools to control key pests. If chlorpyrifos is banned in 2022, there are no alternative products available for certain pests. This would leave some Oregon growers with no options and this will negatively affect yields and farm income. Time and funding is needed to come up with alternative pesticides to take the place of chlorpyrifos and exemptions need to be made for crops that have no alternatives.

I urge you to vote "NO" on HB 4109. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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