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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB426

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Weber and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Please pass SB 426 to to protect our children on the school grounds.

I am a Klamath Tribal Member with neices and nephews attending school in Oregon communities. Communities of color and low income communities already bear the burden of exposure to toxic chemical. This bill is a path towards equity by helping to provide clean safe learning environments and transparency around toxic chemicals for all workers and students in Oregon Schools

Pesticides should be reported just like other hazardous chemicals such as lead, asbestos and radon as required under the Healthy and Safe Schools Act. Integrated Pesticide Management Plans an pesticide issues must be overseen by key stakeholders, School districts need support and guidance from the Department of Education.

The unfunded mandate requiring adherence to the Oregon School IPM law must end as it does not protect our children from unintentional exposure to toxic pesticides.

Please pass SB 426 and keep Oregon safe!