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**To:** SENR Exhibits  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 853

I am writing to support Senate Bill 853 which will restrict two dangerous pesticides that have already been restricted in other states such as Hawaii and countries around the world.

Time is overdue to take a scientific look at the public costs of the use of toxic pesticides that harm people and the environment.

**As a mother of a kindergartener as well as someone who cares about nature, I am very concerned about Chlorpyrifos, which is** a neurotoxic pesticide. It is very harmful to children and linked to developmental disabilities, reduced IQ and memory issues. It is also dangerous to pregnant women, farm workers, wildlife and beneficial insects.

Just as bad, Neonicotinoid pesticides have been proven to be an environmental disaster for ecosystems, especially for our drastically declining pollinators. They can persist in the environment many years after their application and are highly toxic to bees, beneficial insects, people, fish and birds.

I urge the Oregon Legislative Assembly to add these bee-killing pesticides to Oregon's list of Restricted Use Pesticides.

Our Oregon cities are stepping up to say no to pesticides in public places (for example see cities such as Talent and the Non Toxic Rogue Valley initiative); it's time for the State of Oregon to show leadership on this for the good of the public and the environment.

My best,  
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