



## IDAHO - EASTERN OREGON SEED ASSOCIATION

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Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators:

The Idaho Eastern-Oregon Seed Association (IEOSA) representing over 120 seed companies and affiliated business members within the Seed Trade is in opposition to Senate Bill 853, and respectfully submits this letter for the Senate Committee hearing record on Tuesday, March 26.

If passed and signed into Law Senate Bill 853 would ban the sale, purchase or use of chlorpyrifos in the state of Oregon. Chlorpyrifos (also known as Lorsban) is an important pesticide product used on a number of seed crops produced in the state of Oregon. The production of seed crops such as sweet corn seed, carrot seed, radish seed, garden beans, dry beans, peas, and alfalfa seed will be impacted if this product is taken away as a part of the Integrated Pest Management Toolbox of Oregon seed producers.

Senate Bill 853 would also designate neonicotinoids as a restricted-use. Neonicotinoids are also used in Oregon seed production. This new designation would mean that Oregon seed producer would have to obtain a pesticide applicator license to purchase and use neonicotinoid products on seed crops. Oregon seed producers currently don't have to do this so this creates an additional burden on our seed producers.

In the larger scale aspect of this Legislation our Industry is concerned about losing a product that has a 40-year history of success. More than 4,000 studies and reports have been done on this product and it is still registered for use by the EPA. We are even more concerned that instead of depending upon state and federal agencies making the decisions to ban certain pesticide products this Legislation sets the stage for legislative action to dictate what seed producers can and cannot use to protect their seed crops from insects and other pests.

We ask for your vote in opposition to Senate Bill 853. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brett Lolley', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brett Lolley, President