

Dear Representatives,

I strongly urge you to vote against HB 2619. As a contractor and producer of a specialty crop in Oregon, Chlorpyrifos is an extremely important tool in these and many specialty crops grown in Oregon. Keeping this product available is imperative to meet the demands of a growing population both domestically and internationally.

We have very competent scientists and regulators at our state and federal agencies who do thorough reviews of crop protection products such as Chlorpyrifos to insure their safety. That is their responsibility and we should rely on their expertise rather than the legislature making decisions on a product by product basis.

Please consider my remarks and vote against HB 2619.

Thank you for your service and your consideration of this topic.

Sincere Regards,

Bill Merrigan