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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you today to express my support for HB 4109 which is intended to ban the agricultural chemical chlorpyrifos. Chlorpyrifos is a very toxic nerve agent and has been shown repeatedly to be toxic to both humans and the environment. Especially troubling is that it has a relatively long half-life, bioaccumulates up the food chain and has been shown to be highly toxic to fish and aquatic organisms in general.

All this has hit close to home for me since some relatively recent testing by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has detected chlorpyrifos in waters of the Deschutes River. The poor Deschutes has suffered enough indignities recently that one more – like a positive detection for this nasty chemical – just might be enough to really tip the scales in an even more negative direction.

In summary, please, this time work hard to do the right thing and ban chlorpyrifos in Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

Sincerely,

Steve Pribyl