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 Oppose HB4109

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Dear Chair Salinas,

Please stop HB4109. This is an unnecessary piece of legislation. All pesticide use in our state is already heavily regulated. Chlopyrifos is no exception. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has the duty to decide which pesticide products are available for use in our state. They also dictate how they can be applied and to which crops. These decisions are to be based on scientific evidence and not on emotion.

Long term the market will find replacements for this valuable tool but that takes time. It can take over 10 years for a registrant to get a new active ingredient thru the regulatory process. The new chemistries that are being developed are more targeted than those of the past. In the meantime farmers need as many tools available to protect their crops as possible.

Sincearly,

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