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Dear Chair Salinas and members of the Committee on Health Care,

I am writing to urge your strong support of **HB 4109**, phasing out chlorpyrifos in Oregon, and ask that you vote **HB 4109** out of your committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

The science on chlorpyrifos is clear: chlorpyrifos is dangerous to children and also to farmworkers. Chlorpyrifos is linked to infertility, cancer, respiratory diseases, developmental disorders and more.

HB 4109 will protect children by prohibiting chlorpyrifos use within 300 feet of schools. It will also add stronger protections for farmworkers. I think we need to end aerial spraying of chlorpyrifos in Oregon immediately. HB 4109 includes a phase-out period of more than a year to give farmers time to adjust to the many alternative options.

A phase-out of chlorpyrifos use will not only protect children and farmworkers; it will benefit pollinators and other wildlife also exposed to the toxic pesticide, and encourage safer alternatives that promote healthy soils.

Thank you for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

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