Dear Chair Dembrow,

Please vote no on HB 4109.

I am a highly diversified farmer in South Clackamas County and am concerned about the loss of Chlorpyrifos. Although we seldom use this pesticide, with the influx of invasive species, we are concerned about its loss. We grow grapes and have already seen the damage done by the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug and are concerned about the approaching Spotted Lanternfly which has devastated orchards in Pennsylvania.

I am also concerned how an emotional appeal can upset science. This is a legal product approved and registered through the EPA. An outright ban just doesn't make sense and sets a disturbing trend as a farmer who relies on an assortment of crop tools to control pests.

I am concerned about process as well. With an interim work group addressing this issue, this lowers the degree of trust in trying to work toward a logical solution.

I urge you to vote no on HB 4109.

Sincerely,

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