Dear Chair Dembrow,

Please vote no on HB4109. We support amendments that increase safety measures for using chorpyrifos but not a complete ban on the product. The ODA is working on rules to reduce worker exposure to the product. As it is now, we only use it when it is essential to save our crop. We need to let trained people make rules about pesticide use and not politicians.

Banning chlorpyrifos sets a dangerous precedent where people that know nothing about farming, chemistry or pesticides make decisions that affect farmers. This may sound strange but Russia almost starved to death several times because politicians were making decisions about their agricultural program. It is not a system that works. I would just as soon not come to Salem either because I'm not a politician.

Thank you for opposing HB4109.

Sincerely,

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