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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Vote NO on HB 4109 and Support Compromise Amendments
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Dear Chair Dembrow,

Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

Agriculture is a complicated balancing act of producing a crop and only using the tools needed yet weighing the impact on the environment and future existence of your livelihood -- all while trying to earn a living. HB4109 would strip away a necessary tool that we occasionally need. On the farm we have implemented IPM programs that help us only spray when it is necessary. We have also used softer chemistries to try to protect our beneficial insects, with an increase in our cost. We rely on professional crop advisors for sound advice. We do all this to try being good stewards. Occasionally, when certain pests reach a threshold that will be devastating to the crop, we must use tools like Chlorpyrifos. These chemicals have all been vetted by federal and state agencies that can weigh the science and risk and set sideboards on their uses through the guidelines contained in the labels which we must follow. For the state legislature to start limiting these tools is an overreach and begs the question: What is next? Let's let the experts and processes in place be the deciding factors on the tools we use. I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 4109.

Sincerely,

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