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On Behalf Of:  
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I support SB 426, the Toxic-Free Schools Act. In part because un the United States, regulation and oversight of pesticide use has been sub-par to poor, and research has shown the linkage of pesticides to cancer, birth defects, and learning disabilities. Our federal and state governments have been extremely slow to develop effective regulations because of the influence of pesticide manufacturers and their trade associations. Delays in regulations have left the health of our children in schools at serious risk.

As I understand it, SB 426 modernizes its predecessor SB 637, School Integrated Pest Management, to assure that schools are receiving better protection from toxic chemical exposure. SB 426 will provide the structure and procedural framework for regulating pesticide use in our schools, and our children's developmental processes will be protected from the insidious effects of environmental toxins. Please pass SB 426 and move it on to passage by the full Legislature.

Our children and grand children need this as a minimum,

Thank you for all you do for Oregonians,  
Charlotte Maloney  
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