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Hello House Committee,

My name is Max Light-Pacheco and I have been a proud resident of the state of Oregon since 2022. Ever since I was a child nature has been one of the most important parts of who I am. I always loved animals and have always had a great passion for the natural world. I decided that when I grew up that it would be important part of who I am and important part of the community I live in to choose to live with nature, not against nature we are all part of the same system and what harms different elements of nature harms us. Neonicotinoids are an incredibly dangerous class of chemicals known to cause delirious harms to human and animal health. This is especially pronounced in pollinator species that are critical to helping farmers grow crops as well as important native plants that create habitat for wildlife. The use of several common neonicotinoids are banned in the European Union due to their harms. The dangers of these chemicals has been known for a significant period of time. Song birds exposed to neonicotinoids experience reduction in reproduction, body fat, and can die. These are chemicals that should not be used at all, especially by the general public. Listing these pesticides as restricted use will lead to consumers considering if their use is worth the risk and prompt them to do greater research to determine if they want to take the risks. We need to act and put in the efforts to protect human and wildlife health. We are behind the curve, but we can catch up with other states and countries by making HB 2679 law.