



ACTION OF THE WEEK

February 23, 2020

Your Action of the Week:
Tell your OR Representative/Senator:

Help phase out chlorpyrifos

The Oregon League of Conservation Voters notes that this coming week will see a vote on HB4109 after passing in the House last week. This is their message:

Good news—Oregon is one step closer to phasing out chlorpyrifos! The Healthy Kids & Farmworkers Act (HB 4109) passed the House on Wednesday, and is on its way to the State Senate for a final vote. [Ask your State Senator to vote yes on the bill when it comes to the floor next week!](#)

Originally created as a chemical weapon in World War II, chlorpyrifos is now used on common crops like lettuce, strawberries, broccoli, and more. Chlorpyrifos is a potent neurotoxin, and it puts lives at risk. Farmworkers exposed to chlorpyrifos are at a higher risk for cancer, miscarriage, damaged motor skills, and other health issues.

Not only that, but Chlorpyrifos can drift up to a mile from where it's sprayed, putting rural schools, small businesses, and homes at risk as well. Children in these communities tend to develop higher rates of ADHD, autism, cancer, and developmental issues. [Help protect Oregon's families—ask your State Senator to pass the Healthy Kids & Farmworkers Act!](#)

Oregon's farmworkers and families deserve better, which is why PCUN has led a remarkable coalition in support of this bill. Going to work should not put farmworkers' lives in danger, or the lives of their families, who are exposed to the chlorpyrifos that clings to their clothes, skin, and hair, even when protective gear is used.

We know beyond any doubt that chlorpyrifos is dangerous to our health, and especially to our children. Phasing out this dangerous pesticide will save countless lives. This bill is so close to passing—help us get it over the finish line. [Please ask your State Senator to vote yes on the Healthy Kids & Farmworkers Act when it goes to a vote next week!](#)

Thank you, Christy Splitt, Interim OCN Director/Development Director, OLCV.

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Action Update

We, OR UU Voices for Justice, have written of the efforts to disconnect Oregon tax law from the federally created Opportunity Zones. Read here (<https://tinyurl.com/yx63etg9>) for a Tax Fairness Oregon update and how to continue to support this effort to not give our state tax revenue away to wealthy investor

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