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Members of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee:

I am writing in support of LD 316, An Act to Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos. Chlorpyrifos is an early generation pesticide and toxic effects of this pesticide have been thoroughly researched. There is no defensible argument to continue to allow chlorpyrifos in Maine's environment. It is toxic to aquatic and terrestrial animals, found in our drinking water and on our food. Farmworkers and food workers are routinely exposed. Most worrisome is that young children have the highest concentrations, when they are most vulnerable to its neurological effects. I urge your support of LD 316. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.