

HB 229

Pesticides - Use of Chlorpyrifos - Prohibition

Environment and Transportation Committee

Position: Favorable

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My name is Katherine Dangel, and I am 9 years old. I live on a farm in Mt. Airy, Maryland, in District 9. I am here today to urge you to vote yes on HB 229.

Chlorpyrifos is a toxin that can get into fruits and vegetables. I like eating fruits and vegetables and I don't want to worry about chlorpyrifos poisons. I want to eat healthy and not worry about getting my nerve system damaged. I don't want to not eat healthy because of toxins.

I want to eat healthy and the main way to do that is with my own fruits and vegetables. I want a garden. But if my neighbors use chlorpyrifos, that could pollute my garden. The foods will have toxins and there won't be any bees and butterflies to pollinate it. We won't have a good garden. And for the most part neither will anyone else! That means animals eating the fruit will die. And if there aren't any prey, there won't be any predators.

We have a well, and that is our main water source. If chlorpyrifos gets in the water it won't be healthy to bathe or drink, or to give to our animals. If the water isn't healthy, then the animals can't be healthy.

I eat fruits and vegetables, and drink water. If chlorpyrifos gets into any of them, I could be hurt – and so could my family and animals. So please vote yes on House Bill 229.