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**Petition to EPA Administrator to Ban Chlorpyrifos and  
Help Growers Transition to Safe Alternatives**

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Ten years ago EPA banned chlorpyrifos in residential products. Scientific research since that time indicates that this pesticide is even more hazardous than previously thought. For example, a New York City study found associations between prenatal exposures to chlorpyrifos from residential products and birth size, developmental delays, attention problems and other neurological impacts. The study documented a sharp drop in children's exposures, along with improved birth outcomes after the residential chlorpyrifos ban went into effect. Despite these facts agricultural use of chlorpyrifos has continued. Exposures for farm workers and their children are ongoing and well-documented.

You have stated that protecting children and addressing environmental justice issues are top priorities for EPA. Allowing continued use of chlorpyrifos in agriculture is antithetical to these priorities, causing disproportionate harm to farm worker populations, and in particular to farm worker children. It also causes ongoing exposures for non-agricultural populations through contamination of the food supply and long-range transit to colder regions. It threatens salmon, honey bees and other wildlife.

EPA must act swiftly to ban all remaining uses of chlorpyrifos..

**We urge you to:**

- 1) Establish an imminent deadline by which all agricultural use of chlorpyrifos will end.
  
- 2) Support meaningful effective programs to provide incentives and assistance to transition growers to safe alternative methods for growing food that do not rely on chlorpyrifos.

3) Phase out other organophosphate pesticides, and adopt a precautionary approach with respect to all pesticide registrations. EPA must learn from the chlorpyrifos experience and *prevent* adverse health consequences for children and others.

Sincerely,

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