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To amend the Pesticide Re-Evaluation Act of 2021

IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 18TH, 2021

Mr. LIGHTWOOD-TOWARD (for himself, Mr.
SOLOMON) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To amend the Pesticide Re-Evaluation Act of 2021

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Congress Assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Pesticide Re-evaluation Amendments Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that:

- (1) Chlorpyrifos has been used as a pesticide since 1965 in both agricultural and non-agricultural industries.
- (2) Chlorpyrifos affects the nervous system of people, pets, and other animals the same way it affects the targeted pests.
- (3) Chlorpyrifos is acutely toxic and associated with neurodevelopmental harms in children. Exposures to chlorpyrifos are associated with lower birth weight,

reduced IQ rates, loss of working memory, attention disorders, and delayed motor development.

- (4) A growing body of evidence shows that prenatal exposure to very low levels of chlorpyrifos can still harm children.
- (5) The Environmental Protection Agency revised a human health risk assessment for the pesticide in 2016, stating that there are no safe uses for the pesticide.
- (6) Farmworkers along with people living in agricultural communities, particularly children, are disproportionately affected by this toxic pesticide.
- (7) Chlorpyrifos is used on a wide variety of crops including apples, corn, wheat, citrus, and other foods families eat daily.
- (8) In 2019, the European Union (EU) announced that it will no longer permit the toxic chemical to be sold.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PESTICIDE RE-EVALUATION ACT OF 2021.

- (a) IN GENERAL.— [Section 4\(b\)](#) of the Pesticide Re-Evaluation Act of 2021 is amended—

(1) by inserting the following at the end:

“(14) Chlorpyrifos”.

SEC. 3. ENACTMENT.

EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
