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Lloyd Knight
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Dear Mr. Knight,

Below are my comments for the negotiated rulemaking for invasive species and noxious weeds.

I am opposed to listing Palmer amaranth on the noxious weed list. We understand it is aggressive, but enforcement would be impossible, due to its resistance to nearly every class of herbicide and I do not see quarantining a production field as being very popular. This is an invader the farmer will need to deal with as they do many other invasive weeds.

Myrtle spurge is prevalent in nearly every flower bed in the city of Weiser. It would be impossible to enforce the weed law for this species. We understand and sympathize with those who are harmed by this weed however many other species cause harm as well.

Numerous years ago, the Board of County Commissioners stated, "it was senseless to add additional weeds to the list when we can't take care of what we have now." This is truer today than it was at that time.

We are in support of changing Turkish thistle from EDRR to control or contain. I feel containment would be the ideal fit for this species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and participate in the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,



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