

*Written Testimony  
Before the Joint Committee on Education  
By  
The Connecticut Education Association  
Regarding*

*Raised Bill #6496 'An Act Concerning Green Cleaning Products in  
Schools'*

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As you are aware Connecticut Education Association has worked very hard in previous years to help shape meaningful legislation on the issue of indoor environmental quality. We have made great strides in moving toward the goal of ensuring adults and children who teach and learn in Connecticut's public schools could be assured of a safe and healthy environment.

Raise Bill #6496 'An Act Concerning Green Cleaning Products in Schools' is another step in our journey and should be considered favorably by the Education Committee. Applying standards that are uniform and still flexible for school districts is a key to implementation of any program such as this, yet adherence to a "green cleaning program" is the bedrock of this endeavor.

There is no longer a debate on the necessity of good indoor air quality in our public schools. The single answer is it is essential for teaching and learning.

Enacting Raised Bill #6496 will contribute to the environment that is crucial for teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Thank you.