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Testimony in Opposition to:

Raised Bill no. 5260 AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO JUVENILE LOBSTERS

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The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, Members of Environment Committee,

While we whole heartily support Connecticut's seafood industry and support laws protecting the waters of Long Island Sound, The Connecticut Farm Bureau is opposed to Raised Bill No. 5260 because we feel the decisions on whether or not to allow certification or continued use of approved pesticides should be determined on a product-by-product and use-by-use basis using applicable research and scientific data by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environment (DEEP) Pesticide Management Program pursuant to state pesticide law.

We do not favor legislative action banning chemicals without demonstrated scientific evidence and scientific review to substantiate the need for such restrictions.