

To the Members of the Environment Committee:

Please remove the lawn care pesticide exemption. I am in strong support of Bill 5121 - with the appropriate language amendment from "residential property" to "lawn" in section 3(NEW).

Like most people in Connecticut I live in a community blessed with beautiful rivers and streams. Our community should have the right to protect the waterways with which we live. It is especially important to protect our sources of clean drinking water. This is vital to our health and survival.

It's well known that most lawn care pesticides are dangerous to the environment and toxic to people and animals. Children are especially vulnerable. Exposure to certain lawn care pesticides has been associated with increased risk of asthma, several types of childhood and adult cancers, birth defects, reproductive problems, nervous and immune system disorders and liver and kidney damage.

We shouldn't be prevented from protecting our families. Please restore the right for towns and cities to protect the health of families and the environment by supporting Bill 5121.

Sincerely,

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