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Monday, February 20, 2012, 5:03 pm [EST]

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Comments: Dear Representative Gentile,

On Wednesday, The Planning and Development Committee will be discussing Raised Bill 5155, An Act Modifying the ban on Pesticide Applications on school grounds.

I ask you to favor on the side of NOT modifying the previous bill which prevents applicators from applying pesticides on school grounds.

I am the Director of the Organic Land Care Program, a program of CT NOFA. For 11 years, we have been training land care professionals (landscapers) to use organic methods to care for landscapes. We are in the middle of one of our 5-Day courses now, in New Haven, CT.

In January, our office wrote to the Superintendent of EVERY school in CT, both public and private, to inform them that they may send their grounds keepers to our course in order to train them thoroughly in organic land care practices. Only the Town of Hamden and the Easton Country Day School chose to do so.

Please keep the Ban on Pesticides in K-8th grade schools in CT!!!!

Best regards,
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