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**From:** Monica Belyea  
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Dear Ms. Blancato,  
I'm emailing to comment on Raised H.B. No. 5155 — "AN ACT MODIFYING THE BAN ON PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS" that is scheduled for public hearing tomorrow, 2/22/12 in the Planning and Development Committee.

I strongly disapprove of this bill and hope the committee will vote AGAINST HB 5155. The current CT Statute banning pesticides from school grounds was well researched, well thought out and very strongly supported in our state. Moving back to IPM means allowing the chemical companies and some careless grounds keepers and custodians to use any chemicals they choose. With IPM there are few, if any, restrictions. Also, an effective organic pesticide and pest management program can be destroyed by the careless application of chemicals. Chemicals kill both the pests and the beneficial organisms in the ecosystem. Our children, especially the youngest children, need to be protected from harmful chemicals. The endocrine and cell disrupters we use to kill weeds also act on our own systems causing increased risk for cancer and possibly ADHD, among other health problems.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.  
Sincerely,  
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