

**Blancato, Allison**

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**Subject:** Bill 5155 AN ACT MODIFYING THE BAN ON PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

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Dear Ms. Blancato:

I recently received an email from NOFA requesting that comment, or testimony, be made limiting pesticide usage on public school grounds, and so I will.

NOFA makes no leeway, or compromise, with respect to any matters that are not exactly as it wishes them to be. The request made no reference to what is acceptable, only what is not acceptable; in other words, that the only position acceptable is that an absolute ban exist. I do not agree with the NOFA position.

With all due respect to the better intentions of NOFA, I have found, through personal and professional dealings with the organization, and more pointedly the NOFA executive management, that it is a militant organization when it comes to matters organic and anything in opposition to their collective interests. Specifically, unless one is willing to pay monies, "greenmail", to have product tested by their hand picked "approvers," materials that are products that have been tested by accredited university laboratories are rejected out of hand. I find it entirely self serving for NOFA to reject support for any bill that threatens the livelihood of their executive management, or membership, and the revenue stream they generate through the NOFA Organic Land Care accreditation process.

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