

**Blancato, Allison**

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**From:** Roger McNelly [mailto:roger.mcnelly@state.nj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:17 AM  
**To:** Blancato, Allison  
**Subject:** Bill 5155 AN ACT MODIFYING THE BAN ON PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

To whom it may concern;

I am against modifying the ban on pesticide applications on school grounds.

I currently hold an active supervisory pesticide license as an arborist and for ornamental and turf. I am aware of pesticide uses.

I have been treating lawns organically for the past 8 years. Pesticides are not needed for lawns. What is needed is a good understanding of soil science. To be brief, for example soil grubs are easily controlled with the use of insect pathogenic nematodes when applied properly. Most of our weeds are controlled with proper adjustment of pH.

Every exposure to pesticides we can reduce will only benefit our health.

Thank you,

Roger McNelly  
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