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I am very upset about this significant step backwards in terms of protecting our children from environmental toxins. I am a parent in Branford of 3 children who are all very active in sports and have all benefitted from Branford's proactive step of not using pesticides on athletic facilities. I am also a survivor of 2 separate cancers, breast and oral cancer and so I am very sensitive to environmental toxins and the problems they can pose. I have seen my neighbors who used to freely use pesticides on their lawns lose dogs and cats to cancer. They have all changed their lawn management. It is shocking to think of the state of Connecticut taking such a retrograde and anti child, and anti environment step.

Sue Wharfe