

Walter, Judith

From: Blancato, Allison
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 11:16 AM
To: Walter, Judith
Subject: FW: Ban on pesticides

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From: susan weis [mailto:susan.weis@riverside.ct.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 8:52 PM
To: Blancato, Allison
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> Dear Ms. Blancato,

> I would like to add my voice to those in opposition to IMP Bill 5155. Please don't roll back the pan on pesticides at schools. We need to get children outside playing more at school where they can be safe from toxic chemicals. Growing people need to be able to run around where they are not involuntarily exposed to toxins. Kids have no choice in where they attend schools so we need to make their environments as healthy as possible. As a country we need to change our attitudes towards what makes an attractive landscape. A few weeds and not a pristine lawn (they rarely are picture perfect even with pesticides) are alright if it means our environment and children are healthier. I am also a supporter of the proposed pesticide ban on all residence lawns (lawns only). CT is a leader and an example of responsible environmental stewardship with the current legislation intact. Let's keep it that way and hope other states follow suit. We don't need to cave into the chemical companies.

> Thank you,
Susan Weis
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