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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 6:01 PM
To: Blancato, Allison
Subject: Concerning opposition to Bill 5155 AN ACT MODIFYING THE BAN ON PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Members of the Committee,

I wish to express my opposition to H.B. No 5155, which calls for modifying the ban of pesticide applications on school grounds. The chemicals commonly used in lawn care management have been associated with adverse health and environmental effects. Studies have shown that such chemicals are linked with reproductive and birth defects, as well as increased cancer rates. Children are especially vulnerable to pesticide applications since they are developing at such a rapid rate. Teachers entrusted with the care of Connecticut's students would also be put at increased risk.

The current law is a testament to Connecticut's leadership in protecting its children from the harmful effects of exposure to toxic chemicals. To reverse the protections the law currently provides would be an assault on the health of our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,
Susan Lori Rosenstein