

**Walter, Judith**

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**From:** Blancato, Allison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:57 AM  
**To:** Walter, Judith  
**Subject:** FW: Hearing in Hartford at the state house this coming Wednesday, Feb. 22, beginning at 8:30 am

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**From:** Beth Catanesi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** Blancato, Allison  
**Subject:** Hearing in Hartford at the state house this coming Wednesday, Feb. 22, beginning at 8:30 am

Dear Ms. Blancato,

I am writing to express my strong support for the state's original ban on the use of pesticides at schools and athletic fields k-8 and I DO NOT support the proposed bill 5155 that would modify the original ban. I do not understand how this 'modification' is even being considered. It is completely unnecessary and the health of our children is more important than killing weeds and plant pests.

I have small children of preschool and elementary school age and it is important to me to make sure that their exposure to toxic chemicals is limited as much as possible, especially during this critical age when their brains and bodies are rapidly developing and they are more vulnerable to the effects of the chemicals that they are exposed to.

I work in the landscape industry and do not believe in using pesticides in the landscape. A healthy landscape can be maintained with natural treatments and proper cultural practices and I, for one, can certainly tolerate a few weeds and plant pests for the sake of our children's health.

I would greatly appreciate it if you will share this letter of support for the original ban on pesticides at a hearing in Hartford at the state house tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Most sincerely,  
Beth Catanesi  
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