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I am urging opposition to Bill 5155 An Act Modifying the Ban on Pesticide Applications on School Grounds. Legislators took a step in the direction of protecting school children from pesticide exposures when it enacted the ban on pesticide applications. Why, now, consider taking a step backwards?

As adults, we encourage children to be physically active in sports and other outdoor activities as part of a healthy lifestyle, then we decide it is acceptable to coat the very fields and lawn areas children most use with pesticides? How is this responsible, particularly when research continues to uncover links between environmental chemical exposures and health issues?

As individuals elected to be forward thinkers and leaders please maintain the current ban on pesticide applications on school playing fields and grounds or, at the very least, add provisional language that only allows applications of OMRI approved pesticides when other IPM methods have not been successful.

Sincerely,

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