

**Testimony of
Environment and Human Health, Inc.**

By
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Bill No. 6385

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PESTICIDES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Senator Andrea Stillman, Representative Andrew Fleischmann and Members of the
Environment Committee:**

Environment and Human Health, Inc. is pleased to be in support of Bill 6385 and applaud your efforts to protect our children from pesticide exposures in their schools.

The first report Environment and Human Health, Inc. ever did concerned the pesticide uses inside Connecticut's public schools. This report, written in 1999, was partially written by a pharmacologist who had just moved to Connecticut. Her grammar school child had been poisoned by pesticides that had been sprayed a number of different times in his grammar school cafeteria in Pennsylvania where she had moved from.

Her son was harmed enough that he became chemically sensitive, and that resulted in a number of health issues that both he and his mother had to cope with.

This boy's mother was so anxious to make sure that Connecticut schools had better safeguards than the schools in Pennsylvania, that she sought us out and offered to lend her expertise to help research our report. The report is called "Pest Control Practices in Connecticut Public Schools," and can be found at:

<http://www.ehhi.org/reports/pestschools/>

Environment and Human Health, Inc. thanks you for your efforts to make Connecticut school safer places for our children.

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