

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Testimony on this Day of February 25th, 2013
Before Senator Ed Meyer, Representative Gentile, & Members of Environment Committee
In Support of: SB6438, SB916, SB917, AND, HBO6440; Acts Concerning Application of
Pesticides

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Good day, my name is Joyce Ace bo-Rusks, from Milford, CT. As a strong advocate with Coalition for a Safe & Healthy CT I continue to support protective bills, namely, Senate Bills,6438, 916, 917, and House Bill 6440. Simply, when reference to toxic pesticide application, we choose to kill insects, grubs, pests, we **RISK KILLING THE HUMAN CELL AND OR ALTERING THAT CELLS BEHAVIOR...MESSING AROUND WITH GENETIC MESSAGING! THAT IS A MAJESTIC PLACE TO BE** and one our children and the unborn should not and do not have to suffer from, and in some, with incurable, diseases. I therefore support more distinct protective action each of these bills attempts to provide for better tools, fines for negligence, and tested successful microbial and biochemical applications. (I urge the reading of Dr. Jerry Ailbert's testimony with prov en healthier alternatives than the use of toxic pesticides).

Grounds where the more vulnerable: very young, expectant mother's, family animals, walk and play do not have to be exposed to pesticide toxins and we must move to take heed. I would add that the male applicator also is at risk for prostate cancer. (Occupational risk factor: Dr. M. Alavanja, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics in Bethesda, MD. Research and Data speaks to us this generation. How much more evidence is required to change the course to safer organic chemistry and maintain a healthy playing field. Again, "The precautionary Principal" needs application, not toxins.

I thank you for this opportunity to be heard and encourage wisdom and support of the said pesticide bills put forth to this diligent and dedicated Environment Committee.

The following, Bills specific to this introduction:

SB6438 An Act Concerning The Applications of Pesticides at Municipal Parks.

Comment: This will aide in protection of the very young from unnecessary pesticide exposure.

SB916 An Act Authorizing civil Penalties for the Faulty, Careless or Negligent Application of Pesticides.

Comment: Will allow for more comprehensive action for penalty for application of pesticides on wrong property.

SB917 An Act Authorizing the use of Certain Microbial and Biochemical Pesticides & Grub Control On School Grounds.

Comment: Very important to maintenance of school grounds, organically, *again successful* with proper application the reduction of toxic exposure to most vulnerable. See: Dr. Jerry Silbert Testimony

HB6440 An Act concerning Municipalities & The Application of Lawn Care Pesticides
Comment: A provision to gain more power to CT towns people to have more protective lawn care measures than the state. However, this allows the state to oversee more of what municipalities are doing. See: Nancy Aldermen Testimony

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