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Dear Environment Committee Public Hearing,

As resident of Burlington, CT am in strong support of the following bills:

S.B. No. 914-An Act Concerning The Application of Pesticides At Municipal Parks:

As a Registered Nurse, there is no shortage of serious acute and chronic health problems, including asthma, certain types of cancer, nervous and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects or endocrine disruption. I care for those affected by these conditions. Pesticide exposure has been associated with these problems. Applying the same restrictions concerning the application of pesticides at day care centers to the application of pesticides at municipal parks covers predominately the same population - small children and young adults. These citizens spend a great deal of time in parks and are at greatest risk due to their smaller size, growing bodies and their inherent behaviors, hands in mouth and rolling/playing on the grass. Even low-level exposures to toxins can cause disruption in growth and development. Young bodies have a decreased ability to detoxify. Let's continue to care about the health of our future generation and let them play on safe municipal grounds.

H.B. No. 6440-An Act Concerning Municipalities and The Application of Lawn Care Pesticides.

I am a lifelong resident of Connecticut and recently moved to Burlington. I am very concern about water pollution as I am now, like 15% of Connecticut residents, drinking from a private well and in addition, live near a reservoir. This experience has given me heightened concern about the rivers, aquifers and reservoirs in Connecticut. Without the passage of this bill Municipalities do not have control of these type of special water areas that could be poisoned by practices on surrounding lands. As a Registered Nurse I am acutely aware of the importance of clean water to health, it is essential. This bill gives municipalities the ability to control and protect this vulnerable resource. Give municipalities the power to protect these waters, in the best interest of individual towns.

S.B. No. 917-An Act Authorizing The Use Of Certain Microbial And Biochemical Pesticides And Grub Control Products On School Grounds.

As a Registered Nurse, knowing that there are non-toxic methods to control grubs only makes sense. Like in medicine - first do no harm. I support this bill to authorize the use of these methods as long as there are no amendments or additions to this bill.

S.B. No. 916- An Act Authorizing Civil Penalties For The Faulty, Careless Or Negligent Application Of Pesticides.

Having lived in a small development in Connecticut with abutting lawns, I have personally had a portion of my lawn sprayed with lawn pesticides. I had no recourse. I was very concerned but there was nothing legally I could do. This bill will give victims due recourse and may help curb careless neighbors and applicators. I may also have the additive effect of giving people who choose to use these dangerous products, reason to be careful.

Thank you for the opportunity to support these proposals.

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