

Diane St.John
HB 5330

Honorable Members of the Committee on Public Health,

I am writing you in support of HB 5330, An Act Concerning the Application of Pesticides in Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields and Municipal Greens.

I have witnessed children playing sports on freshly sprayed ball fields and no one paid any attention to the posted yellow warning signs. Last summer we visited Community Lake Park in Wallingford to bike ride on the Quinnipiac Linear Trail and we left when we saw the vast playground lawn had recently been sprayed the day before. The little pesticide signs were posted and were ignored by many. There were families enjoying the park, families having parties in the pavilion, and children running across the lawn and playing games. It made me very sad knowing all those people were being exposed to the chemicals. The general public has no idea the danger they are being exposed to. We need to protect our citizens from these dangers.

I personally take an active role in teaching organic lawn care practices and know it works. There is no need to subject our citizens to these toxins anymore!

Please support legislation to protect Connecticut's children wherever they may be exposed to toxic lawn pesticides.

Sincerely,

Thank you for listening,

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and

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