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HB 5330

Honorable Members of the Committee on Public Health,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 5330, An Act Concerning the Application of Pesticides in Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields and Municipal Greens. The time is right to expand Connecticut's robust pesticide protections for kids up to grade 8 to include all the outdoor landscapes where children can be exposed to harmful chemicals.

I am very concerned about Connecticut's children being exposed to toxic lawn pesticides and am very pleased that Connecticut now has a law banning the use of toxic lawn pesticides at day care centers and school grounds with children through grade 8. But why are our young people not protected in other places like high schools, parks, playgrounds, municipal sports fields and town greens where they are involuntarily exposed to toxic chemicals that cause harm?

Chemicals that build up in children's bodies, and have been linked to cancer, developmental disabilities, hormone disruption, and other serious health effects have no place where children play.

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

Sincerely,
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