

Hello,

As the mother of a cancer survivor, I hope you will work to pass S.B. No. 443 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND MUNICIPAL GREENS.

Government's main role is to keep people -- especially young people -- safe, and there's no reason kids should be exposed to landscape pesticides in school or when playing on municipal property. Period.

While any child can suffer deleterious acute effects from pesticide exposure (principally neurological and pulmonological), those with common pre-existing health issues -- such as asthma and allergies -- are at special risk of acute effects. Long-term effects are easier to ignore on a nice spring day when you're watching a softball game, but pesticides can cause numerous immunological and hormonal/reproductive problems down the line.

Landscapers and public works officials will tell you pesticides are the "only" way, but that's because they make lawn care profitable and easier for them.

Connecticut's youth should not pay the externalized costs of our lawn care.

Thank you,
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