

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and members of the Environment Committee,

My name is Jack, and I'm an 8th grader. I have been able to play safely on the grass at recess thanks to a ban on toxic lawn pesticides.

But, since kindergarten, my friends and I have been going to our football practices, lacrosse practices, and baseball practices at our high school. My father has been my coach for every single one of my seasons. My mother and sisters have come to every single game that I have played on these fields. My sisters have sat on the high school fields in their shorts and stretched out before their track and cross country practices. We have all spent many hours sitting in the grass. We have leaned back on our hands and never thought about the chemicals in the grass getting absorbed into our bodies through our skin.

I recently learned that we have been exposed to dangerous chemicals in the grass for all those years. And my puppy, Mojo, who runs freely on the fields every day, has been exposed as well.

I am in support of SB443, including Senator Williams' amendment to ban GMO grass, because next year I'm going to high school. I don't want to play on grass covered in toxic chemicals, whether I'm at school, the town soccer fields, or at a park. I don't want my family, friends, or dog to get sick in the future.

Please vote in support of this bill. Thank you.

