

March 2, 2015

Members of the Committee on Children
Connecticut General Assembly

RE: House Bill 0687

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to express my opposition to the above referenced Bill which calls for an Act Concerning the Application of Pesticides at State operated parks, athletic fields and playgrounds.

As written, this Bill fails to legislate the use of a particular product and fails to acknowledge how science is progressively expanding. Permitted usage of a pesticide should be based on the products toxicity ratings, not solely by an EPA rating label.

I ask that the committee form an Advisory Council to research this issue. A scientific approach to turf and ornamental management is needed by providing guidelines that help protect the health and safety of children and others.

I urge you to oppose this HB 0687. Please vote NO. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Swicklas
Superintendent
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