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Environment Committee

Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Robert J. Klee

**Committee Senate Bill No. 366 Raised – AN ACT EXTENDING THE BAN ON THE USE OF LAWN CARE PESTICIDES TO SCHOOLS THAT HOUSE GRADES NINE TO TWELVE, INCLUSIVE, AND TO STATE FACILITIES AND**

**Raised Senate Bill No. 1063 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND CERTAIN PUBLIC SPACES, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS AND REESTABLISHING THE PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding **Committee Senate Bill No. 366 and Raised Senate Bill No. 1063**. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) welcomes the opportunity to offer the following testimony.

DEEP will be following the testimony at the public hearing to better understand the issues and concerns raised by various constituencies. We are committed to working with the Committee on this important issue.

Also, for the Committee's information, DEEP has received the final reports from Dr. Chensheng (Alex) Lu, Associate Professor of Environmental Exposure Biology at Harvard. In 2014, he was asked by DEEP to perform a literature review and policy implication synthesis of the impact of EPA-registered pesticides that are most widely used on turf and school grounds on the health of children and pollinators, including synergetic effects, using top-tier, peer-reviewed scientific journals (expected February/March 2014). These reports are available at the following web link under the heading *Impact of EPA Registered Pesticides* [http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2710&q=324266&deepNav\\_GID=1712](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2710&q=324266&deepNav_GID=1712).

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact Robert LaFrance, DEEP's Director of Governmental Affairs, at 860.424.3401 or [Robert.LaFrance@ct.gov](mailto:Robert.LaFrance@ct.gov) (or, Elizabeth McAuliffe, DEEP Legislative Liaison, at 860.424.3458 or [Elizabeth.McAuliffe@ct.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.McAuliffe@ct.gov)).