

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 366 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.

REF. Environmental Committee

Dear committee members,

I worry at the continuous application of chemical toxins in the form of pesticides on our children's playing fields. It cannot be good for us! The chemical companies say they are safe. That we are only exposed to trace amounts and sunlight, rain and time will dissipate any harmful effects. But is this really true? Are we not turning a blind eye to the potential problem of the steady accumulation of toxins in our environment and in our bodies that is ultimately harmful to our health? Why continue to take the risk and burden our health care system? Consider the ban a form of preventive medicine! The State of Connecticut has already passed a law banning pesticide use on grade school properties and some cities in the state have already banned the use of pesticides on municipal property. It is time to take the next step and expand the ban on all public schools and state facilities. I ask you to support this bill!

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