

S.B. No. 366 (COMM) 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.

Dear Environment Committee Chair and Members,

I hope we have not forgotten the valuable lessons and information Charles Darwin so painstakingly arrived at regarding evolution. I support SB366 in favor of breaking away from the vicious chemical treadmill of promoting the use of increasingly toxic chemicals and consequential chemical-resistant weeds (which we should have known would evolve from overuse of Roundup and other pesticides). How much do we value maintaining the quality of our groundwater, rivers, and streams which will continue to receive a regular influx of pesticides if we do not start employing more ecosystem-friendly measures upon our recreational fields and lawns? And for those families whose wells may become contaminated from runoff coming from glyphosate and other toxic chemicals --who is going to protect them if the legislature doesn't act?

Please put protection of all our kids above the chemicals we are unwisely allowing to contaminate their playing fields, and at the same time threatening the quality of CT waters. It's much worse for families to experience adverse health impacts and subsequently have to address cleaning up contaminated water supplies, IF and when they become known. We also know 2,4-D and other toxic chemicals have been approved and are in the biochemical pipeline, and we haven't even adequately addressed the adverse health impacts and suffering of our Viet Nam vets from Agent Orange class herbicides!

Please pass SB 366 to protect all of our kids from these serious poisons! Your action will help the environment and others at the same time.

Thank you,
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