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OPPOSE Bills SB00366 an act extending the ban on the use of lawn care pesticides to schools that house grades nine to twelve and OPPOSE SB01063 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.

To: The honorable men and women of our state legislature.

John D. Broadley /Owner and President Olde Farmington Lawn Care, Inc./Established March 1996/State of Connecticut DEEP 3a Supervisory license # S-3600 Ornamental and Turf

Integrated Pest Management is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

IPM has provided for safe, reliable and judicious use of pest control applications in lawn care, turf management, farming and inside buildings. **These two proposed bills would severely impact my business and hundreds like it, taking away the tools we need to properly maintain these fields. The impact would not only be seen and felt by the athletes playing on these fields, but also by the hundreds and thousands of tax paying workers these company's employ, people with families and mortgages to pay. I can speak for the many friends and associates I have in the industry and say we are all becoming quite discouraged with the anti-business legislation and high tax burden we face in Connecticut.**

IPM allows for well-maintained athletic fields and playgrounds.

- Preventing injuries to student athletes.
- Reduced liability claims against towns and schools due to injuries.
- Protects the financial investments towns have made in athletic fields and school grounds.
- Greatly reduces the amount of pest control utilized for maximum effectiveness.
- Utilizes IPM trained, regulated and licensed professionals for pest control applications.
- EPA calls for IPM to be in every school by 2015.

Again, I am strongly opposed to both bills SB00366 and SB01063. Its legislation not based on scientific fact, but rather on emotion, and that's bad legislation. Thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,

John D Broadley, President