

Testimony of
Environment and Human Health, Inc.
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BILL SB 104

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATIC PESTICIDE MISTING SYSTEMS.

To Chairmen of the Environment Committee, Senators Kennedy, Miner and Representative Demicco and Members of the Environment Committee:

Environment and Human Health, Inc. strongly supports BILL SB104

Mosquito misting devices are extremely dangerous and there are absolutely no regulations to control them. They spray toxic insecticides on a continual basis at heights that could spray children and pets. EPA does not regulate them, declaring they can only regulate pesticides not the appliances that spray them. Therefore it is up to the states. That means it is left up to the States to protect children, pets and adults from being seriously harmed.

States therefore left to ban pesticide misting devices that go off every few minutes spurting out toxic pesticides. Because these devices are often installed around the perimeter of people's yards -- they affect neighbors who have no way to protect themselves or their pets.

UNREGULATED MOSQUITO MISTERS ARE DANGEROUS AND MUST BE BANNED AS THERE IS NO WAY TO REGULATE THEM SO THAT THEY CAN BE MADE SAFE FOR CHILDREN, PEOPLE OR PETS

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Here is a picture of what they look like.

Mosquito Mister installed in fencing. Kansas State University

<https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/mosquito-misting-systems>

FROM EPA

These pesticide automatic spraying systems spray pesticides on a continual bases without the spraying appliances being subject to any regulations because EPA does not regulate residential

outdoor misting system equipment. Misting system components are considered "application equipment" and therefore are not regulated by EPA. Misting systems also are not classified as "pesticide devices." It is therefore up to the states to deal with these dangerous applicators.

Animals, people, including neighbors, are exposed to toxic pesticides on a continual bases. These should never have been allowed to enter the marketplace and must be banned in Connecticut. .

Consumer reports

Reject mosquito misting systems.

Thank you for your attention,
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Environment and Human Health, Inc.
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