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## **Testimony on Senate Bill 104, An Act Prohibiting The Use of Residential Automatic Pesticide Misting Systems**

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I am Dustyn Nelson, of Ellington, Connecticut. Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco, Representative Harding and Members of the Environment Committee, I am here to speak against prohibiting the use of residential automatic pesticide misting systems.

I currently serve as the secretary for the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association (CNLA), a collaboration of over 1,700 businesses grossing more than \$800 million annually, and employing approximately 30,000 people. With a heavy focus on professional development, one of the goals of our association is to keep members up to date on all the latest best practices.

When properly installed and managed by a professional holding a proper pesticide license, an automatic pesticide misting system can be an effective management tool. When implementing an integrated pest management plan it is important to take a multifaceted approach rather than using one method. Even the United State Environmental Protection Agency claims there have not been enough studies conducted on these systems. These systems should be studied in more depth prior to any regulation regarding them.

Thank you again for all the hard work you put in for the residents of Connecticut, helping to protect our states valuable natural resources for future generations. Your work helps continue to make Connecticut a great place to live and work.