

Testimony of

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I am a Master of Bird Conservation through National Audubon, as well as a board member of the Cheshire Land Trust and a member of the local Audubon Society. I have attended CIPWG symposiums on non-native invasive plants, as well as several Plant Science Days. I participate in Cornell's Project FeederWatch, as well as the AZA FrogWatch USA.

## 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:

I strongly support BILL SB104

Mosquito misting devices are devices that spray insecticides 24/7. They are not regulated by any agency. They spray at heights that could spray children and pets. Those neighboring these devices have no way to protect themselves or their pets.

They also pose a danger to our wildlife. Hummingbirds enjoy mists of water, and will likely make the mistake of flying through these pesticide misters. As tiny birds barely bigger than a dragonfly, they will likely face adverse impacts (they will die). If they do not die, they will bring this poison to their young, who may die.

Pesticides being sprayed into the environment continually will certainly impact our insect life as well, including our lightening bugs, bees, butterflies and other beneficial bugs. Birds and bats, as well as frogs and toads, depend on adequate supplies of insects to survive. Wildflowers, vegetable farms and fruit trees require insects for pollination.

Residential Automatic Pesticide Misting Systems potentially adversely affect not only people and pets, but our wildlife and our food supply.

Reject mosquito misting systems.

Thank you for your attention,  
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