

## PROTECT CONNECTICUT'S YOUNG CHILDREN

- **SAVE THE PESTICIDE BAN AT ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS, AND DAY CARE CENTERS**
- **VOTE NO TO EXTENSION OF THE PESTICIDE EXCEPTION FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS.**
- IPM Bill 5418 is a smokescreen for the pesticide industry to continue the use toxic pesticides
- Of 30 commonly used lawn pesticides, 19 have studies linking them with **cancer**, 13 are linked with **birth defects**, 21 with **reproductive effects**, 15 with **neurotoxicity** or **abnormal brain development**<sup>1</sup>. It is important to note that children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to the effects of pesticides.
- So called “inert ingredients” can be toxic and are not disclosed on the pesticide label. Applicators literally do not know what chemicals they are applying.
- Natural (organic) turf care of athletic fields has been successfully accomplished in several Connecticut towns already.
- Elementary and Middle schools already have had 3 years to transition to natural turf care.
- Even though a school IPM law was passed in 2000.,A study in Maryland 4 years later showed that IPM was not being used in half the schools (Baltimore Sun, April 2004)
- The DEP has said it has no resources to train groundskeepers in IPM nor does it have the resources to monitor IPM programs

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<sup>1</sup> [www.beyondpesticides.org/lawn/factsheets/30health.pdf](http://www.beyondpesticides.org/lawn/factsheets/30health.pdf)