

Dear Chairman Durfee and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I write to you regarding bill S.45 the “Right to Farm”/nuisance suits with pesticide usage.

Regarding pesticides, In this version of S.45 the Senate has inserted a “commonality” standard in place of language previously in the bill which would have protected the public by allowing for suits against industrial farms when they have “a substantial adverse effect on the health, safety or welfare of the community.”

I strongly feel that the previous more protective language above, be reinstated in S.45 by your committee and the “commonality” standard be removed from it.

This important public health issue is important to protect our water, air, and our health from factory farms, especially from their use of pesticides..

Sincerely,

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