

Dear Members of House Committee,

I live in the Clay Creek Gardens HOA in Ashland in Jackson County and I support this bill.

According to the bylaws of my HOA, I cannot prevent herbicides/pesticides from being used on the strip of land on my property between the sidewalk and Tolman Creek Road. This is of major concern to me as I planted fruit trees and a pollinator garden on the other side of the sidewalk in close proximity to the area and know certain classes of pesticide (neonicotinoids) affect pollinators. Systemic herbicides are absorbed into the plant, meaning they will be present in the fruit, pollen and nectar, and have the ability to be ingested by humans and pollinators.

I prefer that the figs I grow and eat do not uptake herbicides and I prefer the same for the plants I grow to sustain pollinators, like monarch butterflies.

Thanks for your assistance,

Cecile Shohet