

For five years my husband and I have lived in Jackson County in the city of Ashland in a retirement community. The management that we hire to run our community regularly allows pesticides and herbicides to be applied on our common grounds. For half a century prior to living here, we formerly grew an organic garden in California with respect for the health of our family. In the waning years of our lives, my husband and I are now forced to breathe in these toxic chemicals that are regularly applied here, but banned from use in many other countries. I respectfully request that House Bill 2409 be passed, requiring that pesticides be prohibited on homeowners' property. Because residents of our community jointly own all its land, this bill would effectively prohibit pesticides on all of our common property.