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| Committee:          | Senate Committee On Education |
| Measure:            | SB426                         |
| Vote YES on SB 426. |                               |

We need to put our money where our mouth is. If children are our future, then we must protect them from harm. Simple.

Children are more vulnerable to pesticide exposure than adults, even in small amounts. Many children from disadvantaged communities of color, whose parents work with hazardous chemicals at their jobs, already bear an unfair burden of additional exposure to these toxins. Our kids need a toxic-free place to learn and play, not to be exposed to pesticides that cause asthma, learning disabilities and other chronic illnesses.

We should be treating pesticides like other toxic chemicals controlled in our schools, because it is! Protect our kids is more than a slogan. It's a necessity and moral duty. Thank you.