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July 16, 2015

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Maine Board of Pesticides Control
c/o Henry Jennings, Director
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Pesticide use in public parks and playground facilities

Dear Mr. Jennings:

During the First Regular Session of the 127th Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry conducted a public hearing and work session on LD 1098, An Act To Protect Children from Exposure to Pesticides.

Although we unanimously voted Ought Not to Pass on this piece of legislation, we request that the Maine Board of Pesticides Control review its rules in order to determine whether the standards for pesticide application and public notification for public parks and playgrounds should be consistent with the standards that have been established for pesticide application and public notification in school buildings and on school grounds under CMR 01-026, Chapter 27.

We would appreciate a response to this inquiry by February 1, 2016. Please let us know if you have any questions about our request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Peter E. Edgecomb in black ink.

Sen. Peter E. Edgecomb
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of Craig V. Hickman in black ink.

Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

cc: Commissioner Whitcomb, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Rep. Benjamin M. Chipman of Portland