Testimony Patrick Vaillancourt Owner, Northern Turf Management March 25th, 2021

Opposed to LD 524 "An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs to the Board of Pesticides Control and the Posting of Inspection Results for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public"

Senator Dill, Representative O'Neil, and members of the joint standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, my name is Patrick Vaillancourt and I am the owner/operator of Northern Turf Management, a specialty turf and plant health care company in Cyr Plantation, ME. I am opposed to LD 524 "An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs to the Board of Pesticides Control and the Posting of Inspection Results for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public"

There is already current language regarding School Pest Management Logs in Chapter 27 of BPC rules, that the logs must be maintained for a certain amount of time and be made available to parents, guardians, and staff upon request. To my knowledge, Board inspectors review this information as they conduct routine inspections annually. I feel that to post all of this information publicly across the board is unnecessary and would open a proverbial can of worms, by showing folks who may not understand the science a lot of what could look like "scary" data to them. The BPC inspectors do their jobs very well, and I feel that their review of these logs is sufficient.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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