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Cc: assemblyclerk@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: KPBA Support for HB19, Pesticides Public Notice Bill

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I am writing to express my support for HB 19, a Pesticides Public Notice bill. The bill would institute a fee for chemical manufacturers to register pesticides in Alaska, and also require posted public notice of pesticide application in most indoor and outdoor areas. This is great public right to know legislation, and is a solid first step toward awareness of pesticide use. HB 19 requires that all persons who apply pesticides in public areas become certified in application techniques and guidelines. This bill will increase public awareness and ensure that appropriate application procedures are followed. The bill was introduced last month by Rep. Kevin Meyer, and is currently in the House Finance Committee.

I am asking the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to publicly and actively support this bill. The Assembly support would send a powerful message to Juneau. Please address this issue at the March 15th meeting on behalf of myself and the citizens and wildlife of the KPB.

Thank you,

Mary Bozza
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Seward, AK 99664

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Homer, AK
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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

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I am writing concerning HB 19. I am fully in support of this bill. It is very important to the future of our children, our community and our world. Practices that were put into use years ago thinking that they would be helpful, have proved to be harmful and need to be monitored and regulated. The use of pesticides is one of these practices.

I am a teacher and a mother. Our children are some of the people most at risk when we compromise the health of our food and our environment. Of course the people who work directly with these products & the general public are also at risk.

Not only are pesticides dangerous, they do not solve the problem. Their safety is also being monitored by the companies that benefit financially by their use.

Please support resolution 2005-024

Sincerely, Jeanne Parker

To the Kenai ~~Peninsula~~ Peninsula Borough Assembly,
I am a student from Homer High School
who is writing in regard to Resolution
2005-024. This bill supports House Bill
19, which I believe is very important and
should be supported. Pesticides are something
that serves no good purpose because they
are not necessary for pest control and
are hazardous to human health. Pesticides
are defined as poisons, so they hurt
a lot more than just the pests they
are designed to exterminate. Please
support Resolution 2005-024

Sincerely,
Nathan Lander

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I am writing to support House Bill 19 and Alaskan's right to know about pesticide use in public places. The passage of this bill is extremely important as pesticides have been proven to be truly hazardous to humans, especially children, as well as pets, birds, and other mammals. The right to know where these pesticides are present is important so people at high risk can avoid places with pesticides and foods contaminated by pesticides. So please support Resolution 2005-024 and House Bill 19.

Sincerely,
 Mackenzie Collis
 Homer High School
 Student Freshman

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PO Box 1752
Homer, AK 99603

To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

My name is Erika Gavenus. I'm a student at Homer High School and a member of Homer Alaska Youth for Environmental Action. As a youth I'm writing in support of Resolution 2005-024. The immense impact that the decisions of today's legislature will have on me has caused me to become concerned with the House Bill 19. The hazards that pesticides pose to people and especially children cause me to believe that they should have regulated use and that the public have adequate notification. It is important for the ~~publiety~~ public to understand the dangers of pesticides and to be able to avoid areas that have been treated. In order for these precautions to be taken by the public they must have the needed information.

Thank you for your time,

Erika Gavenus.

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I am writing in support of Resolution 2005-024, "A Resolution Supporting HB 19 and Alaskan's Right to Know about Pesticide Use in Public Places." House Bill 19 is vital to protecting young Alaskan's health. As it is, pesticides may be used in public places including parks and schools without notification at the site, which means that parents and teachers may inadvertently be putting children at risk for serious health problems later in life related to early exposure of pesticides. The adoption of this bill will allow people to effectively avoid areas with large amounts of pesticides, and I urge you to adopt the resolution in support of the Bill.

Adrian Ryan
Homer High School Senior
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Fritz Creek, AK 99603

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

My name is Kathryn McClaron and I am a sophomore at Homer High and I am also a member of Homer Alaska Youth For Environmental Action.

I am in support of Resolution 2005-024 because I think that pesticides are very hazardous to human health and that there needs to be some sort of regulation on pesticides in Alaska. Pesticides cause injury to the nervous system, lung damage, and many other health problems. Alaska needs to do something now to control the amount and types of pesticides being used.

Thank you,
Kathryn McClaron
P.O. Box 1929
Homer, AK 99603

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To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Lindsay Olsen and I am a student at Homer High School. I am also a member of HAYEA and have recently heard a presentation from an ACAT representative. I am writing in support of Resolution 2005-024 and House Bill 19.

I am very concerned about the current situation involving pesticides in Alaska. I find it appalling that pesticides don't have to be certified and declared in this state. It is also very concerning that the general public can be affected by these toxic chemicals.

I would like to encourage you to support Resolution 2005-024, and thank you if you already do. Hopefully as a people we can come together to solve this problem.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Olsen
 Lindsay Olsen
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 Homer, AK 99603

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Leslie Whip
40900 Birch Park Dr.
Homer, AK 99603

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Leslie Whip and I am a student at Homer High School. I support Resolution 2005-024 which is in support of HB 19. I feel this way because Pesticides harm people and animals. Some types of pesticides cause cancer in dogs and other types cause long lasting illnesses in humans. Please support this cause it would benefit many people and their pets.

Sincerely,

Leslie Whip

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To the Kenai Borough Assembly

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I am writing in strong support of Resolution

2005-024, in support of House Bill #19. I feel

it is very important that the public be

warned of pesticides presence in their area

and that we limit the use of pesticides as

much as possible. It is contemptible that

Alaska is the only state that does not require

notice of pesticide applications in public people.

Since they are extremely hazardous to human

and animal health it is extremely advisable that

the public is warned. Thank you very much

for considering my opinion,

Sincerely Amelia Robertson

9th grade at Homer Highschool

return address: 349 Elderberry ct

Homer AK

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough,
 I am writing about the pesticide bill HB19.
 Commercial fish in the summer and my whole
 family rely on the industry. Pesticides pose
 a serious threat to animals and especially
 salmon, who grow up in fresh water streams.
 The poisons leak into streams where they
 contaminate our precious fish.

So please, support this bill. Toxics
 need to be as regulated as possible. There
 is too much at stake in Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration,

Simon Schaad

53200 N McNeil pt
 99603 Homer AK

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to House Bill 19 - I completely support it and believe that there are few things as crucial and pressing at the moment as doing something about pesticides. Both humanity and the environment will continue to suffer if this issue is not directly addressed, and the consequences will continue to grow if it is not taken into concern.

Sincerely,

Claire Thornton

Sophomore, Hamer High School

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Resolution 2005-024

To whom it may concern:

Thankyou for taking the time to look at the issues concerning pesticide use. Ever since I read 'silent spring', I have realized that chemical use is an important issue to my health and environment. I believe that it would be deeply responsible and appreciated if this body adds its voice to those concerned about toxic use spraying ~~at~~ in sensitive areas.

Homer High School Seniors,
Whitney C. Cushing



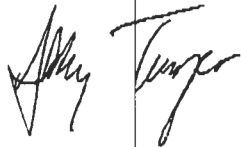
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a senior in Homer High School, I feel very strongly about pesticide use and am very much in support of HB 19. I encourage the advancement of this effort to curb pesticide use and the divulging of pesticide information to the public. Please support HB 19.

Respectfully,

Abby Turner, Homer Alaska Youth
For Environmental
Action



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Nina Faust

From: "Nina Faust" <fausbail@xyz.net>
To: <Undisclosed-Recipient:>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 6:02 PM
Subject: HB 19

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

I was surprised to learn that nearly 6,000 pesticides are currently registered for use in Alaska. They are pervasive in our lives. Often we do not even know we are being exposed to substances linked to cancer, fertility problems, birth defects, neurological and other diseases, and hormone disruption. Notification of pesticide use in public places gives Alaskans the opportunity to avoid exposure to these toxic substances, a choice particularly important for children who are more vulnerable to pesticides' toxic effects.

It is also surprising that Alaska is the only state that does not collect fees on pesticides registered for commercial use. Given the known toxic properties of pesticides, the public is very supportive of reporting requirements. Collecting fees would provide funds to oversee pesticide registration. I support requiring fees for chemical manufacturers to register their pesticides in Alaska.

Requiring all people applying pesticides in 'public areas' to become certified in application techniques and pesticide handling guidelines is good commonsense. This would not only protect the public, but it would also protect the applicator. I support this part of the bill.

Under HB 19, the Department of Environmental Conservation would be required to develop regulations for reasonable, on-site notice for the application of pesticides in a public place. I hope the regulations will include a requirement of at least 24-hours notice to be prominently posted around public areas before spraying so Alaskans can avoid these areas during pesticide application.

I am a little troubled by the new language for a temporary license waiver for private applicators of restricted-use pesticides. It is a good idea for all applicators of restricted-use pesticides to be licensed.

HB 19 is a great step forward in protecting the health of all Alaskans, as well as the health of the subsistence foods we eat. We should not continue the cavalier attitude of applying pesticides without public knowledge. There is too much at stake for us and for Alaska's children. Please pass a strong Pesticide Right-to-Know Bill.

Sincerely,

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