

I encourage you to vote in favor of HB 2409 to allow homeowners and residents in HOA's to opt out of herbicide and pesticide applications on their property.

Forced application of toxic products is harmful to people, plants, pollinators, and other animals. As a resident of Ashland, I was distressed to find out that HOA's can override homeowner's wishes in this regard.

After planting a pollinator garden in my front yard, I contacted my HOA about their position. I was told there was a "no spray" list. Relieved that I had this option, I put my name on the list.

Much to my distress (and that of my neighbor), our yards were sprayed anyway. At this point we contacted our HOA—and began pressing the issue for greater safety and right of choice, in our neighborhood.

We have finally arrived at a workable and successful solution. Our HOA notified every resident of their right to "free choice." The Landscape Company that services this neighborhood now gives residents a visible NO SPRAY "tag" to hang on the door or place on our doorstep.

Concerned homeowners, our HOA, and our Landscape Company worked together to come up with an equitable solution for us.

Please spare other HOA residents from forced sprayings of toxic chemicals in their neighborhoods.

I ask you to support HB 2409.

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