MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION

Lowering Fees to Allow More Toxic Pesticide Applications

A.1630-Skoufis

S. 1045- Funke

BACKGROUND
Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) is an 80,000 member, non-partisan organization that works to protect public health and the natural environment. For over 30 years, CCE has worked to reduce pesticide use and protect public health from exposure to toxic chemicals.

The use of pesticides poses significant risks to public health, the environment, and non-target organisms. The use of pesticides has grown significantly over the last several decades, despite clear science that demonstrates the unacceptable risks they pose to our health and environment. Numerous studies demonstrate that the use of pesticides should be reduced or eliminated wherever possible.

JUSTIFICATION
This legislation would lower the pesticide applicator fees for certain classes of pesticide applications, making it cheaper for applicators of these chemicals to operate in New York State. This would only encourage more use of these toxic harmful chemicals, further threatening public health and the environment. CCE opposes lowering the bar to allow the increased application of dangerous pesticides in New York.

CCE OPPOSES A.1630/S.1045 LOWERING PESTICIDE APPLICATOR FEES
CCE is an 80,000 member non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization that works to empower communities and advocate solutions that protect public health and the natural environment.

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