A Ban Will Not Improve Health and Safety

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Pest control products are NOT any more toxic than the poisons that are already in the home and under the kitchen sink.

Regarding the editorial of August 9th, 2011, titled « Pesticide Ban A Win-Win Situation » …

I respectfully disagree.

However, the article speaks directly to the matter when stating that the use of a poison and a carcinogen is not justified.

Those pest control products that are going to come under this ban are NOT ANY MORE TOXIC THAN THE POISONS THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE HOME AND UNDER THE KITCHEN SINK.
Health Canada has cleared the issue about pest control products causing cancer.

Health Canada banned anything that even had potential to be a carcinogen decades ago.

It cannot be a coincidence that while we read in the paper of communities that have banned these safe and effective chemicals on one page, on the next page, we can read about invasive weeds destroying plant bio-diversity and increasing pressure on endangered species.

For example:

- Lyme Disease from ticks
- West Nile Virus through mosquitos
- Bed-Bugs carrying a dangerous form of bacteria.
Health Canada is NOT supporting banning pest control products

It has been determined that Bed-Bugs can and have carried two types of drug-resistant bacteria — methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* (VRE).

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) has increasingly turned up in hospitals and in outbreaks outside of health-care settings, such as among athletes, prison inmates, and children.

The same argument that would support such a ban can be found supporting a ban on vaccinations, chlorinated drinking water, and fluoride for children’s teeth.

It needs to be noted that Health Canada is NOT supporting this ban.

In an effort to compete for political space with the New Democratic Party, the provincial government of British Columbia has said that it will ban pest control products that are used for cosmetic purposes.
Pest control products have been deemed safe to use.

Pest control products that are used in the urban environment have already been reviewed by the Federal Government’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), a division of Health Canada.

Pest control products have been deemed SAFE TO USE.

The people who are AGAINST the use of these pest control products CANNOT COME UP WITH THE DATA supporting their claims that the products are unsafe.

However Health Canada; advocates FOR the safe and reasonable use of pest control products CAN SUPPORT THE ASPECTS OF SAFETY.
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CANCER RATES WILL NOT DROP because of a ban on pest control products.

This potential ban can allow other aspects of environmental degradation and an increase to threats to public health to rise.

Such an ill-though-out-ban can still be stopped by sensible individuals writing letters to their newspaper and their elected representatives.

The message needs to be understood that this is not a ban meant to improve the health and safety of British Columbians.

Rather, a ban is based on philosophical models and small "p" politics.
What have YOU done in the war against Lunatic-Environmental-Terrorism ?!?!?!
In the 9/11 Era of Environmental–Terror, at least ONE MALICIOUS ACT OF TERROR PERPETRATED EVERY SINGLE DAY by Enviro–Lunatics.

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