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LETTER TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COSMETIC PESTICIDES

RESPONSE TO ANTI-PESTICIDE ACTIVISTS ( SHORT VERSION )

MEDIA RELEASE

PROVINCE BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Government of British Columbia is inviting the public to participate in a consultation by completing an on-line questionnaire or by sending a written submission concerning a proposal to PROHIBIT pest control products in the Urban Landscape.

This is organized by the government's « *Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides* », which was appointed by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Predictably, Anti-Pesticide Activists are already CARPET-BOMBING and TERRORIZING the government with THOUSANDS, YES THOUSANDS, OF COMMENTS that can only be described as LIES and MIS-INFORMATION.

The issue here is CREDIBILITY of the source of information, since the VAST MAJORITY of the COMMENTS are ORCHESTRATED, through a coast-to-coast CAMPAIGN, using NON-EXPERT VOLUNTEERS with Canadian Cancer Society.

This CAMPAIGN gives an unsuspecting public the FALSE and FRAUDULENT impression that the Anti-Pesticide Movement has considerable size and power, when in fact, IT DOES NOT.

Anti-Pesticide Activists have a HUGE VESTED INTEREST IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Doing this attracts HUGE PROFIT and BENEFITS, in the form of DONATIONS, GOVERNMENT GRANTS, and CELEBRITY.

Anti-Pesticide Activists also have a HUGE VESTED INTEREST IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products BECAUSE THEY ARE PAID TO DO SO.

Incredibly, NOT A SINGLE Anti-Pesticide Activist has ANY recognized expertise, training or back-ground in matters concerning pest control products !

Nonetheless, they CREATE MALICIOUS ILLUSION by PERPETUATING MYTHS about pest control products, and the public believes it is REALITY !

## **Positive Effects ?!?!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION in British Columbia would somehow have a positive effect on health, environment, and economy — WRONG !

RESPONSE — PROHIBITION has led to LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION on thousands of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry.

## **Water Quality ?!?!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION would somehow improve water quality, with the Province of Ontario used as an example — WRONG !

RESPONSE — Pest control products used in the Urban Landscape DO NOT enter our lakes and rivers through surface run-off and storm sewers. This allegation is FALSE, MISLEADING, and CONTRADICTS OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF RESEARCH. On the issue of the Province of Ontario, the 2009 PROHIBITION of pest control products DEFINITELY DID NOT improve water quality in streams and rivers. For more than ten years, well BEFORE the 2009 PROHIBITION, there were CONSISTENTLY LOW LEVELS of pest control products in Ontario streams. It is a MYTH to believe that ANY PROHIBITION protects the environment.

## **Danger to Children ?!?!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION will somehow eliminate a danger to children — WRONG !

RESPONSE — Pest control products DO NOT HARM CHILDREN ! There are NO valid reports of problems with children. The ASSESSMENT of pest control products by Health Canada takes into consideration sensitive groups, such as CHILDREN, as well as INFANTS and PREGNANT WOMEN. CHILDREN's physiology, behaviours and habits WHILE PLAYING ON TREATED GRASS are CONSIDERED when determining the safety of pest control

products. EXTRA SAFETY FACTORS are applied by Health Canada to protect CHILDREN, as well as INFANTS and PREGNANT WOMEN. In fact, children are AT RISK WITH PROHIBITION.

## **Medical Problems !?!!**

MYTH — Without PROHIBITION, there will be serious medical problems — WRONG !

RESPONSE — We say ... SHOW US THE BODIES. Anti-Pesticide Activists are UNABLE To Provide Bodies, Bodies, Bodies. Bodies of REAL evidence. More specifically, medical records, medical records, medical records. Who are, or were, those people ALLEGEDLY harmed by pest control products ? Where are the medical records ? Anti-Pesticide Activists say that there are so-called issues with pest control products. Surely they can produce ONE medical record.

## **Ontario College of Family Physicians !?!!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION is necessary because Ontario College of Family Physicians reported that pest control products are somehow associated various types of cancer — WRONG !

RESPONSE — In 2004, Ontario College of Family Physicians ( OCFP ) CONCOCTED a Literature Review of pest control products. This organization is a DISCREDITED RADICAL Anti-Pesticide Organization. The review was BOGUS, BIASED, DISGRACEFUL, FALSE, MISLEADING, and SUBVERSIVE, and has absolutely NO CREDIBILITY in the legitimate scientific community, and has been DISCREDITED, DEBUNKED, and REFUTED by Health Canada and by The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

## **Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health !?!!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION is necessary because an article in the Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health ( April, 2006 ) reported pest control products are somehow linked to health issues — WRONG !

RESPONSE — Canadian Paediatric Society has stated that it SHOULD NOT BE CITED with this article, and has communicated this position to Anti-Pesticide Activists. Moreover, the authors of the article have NO affiliation

with Canadian Paediatric Society. They have ABSOLUTELY NO competent expertise, recognized training, or background, in matters concerning pest control products, Not surprisingly, the two primary authors of the April 2006 article were/are PERSONALLY ALLIED with Anti-Pesticide Organizations. Furthermore, the April 2006 article was an ASSESSMENT ( i.e. a judgement based upon Anti-Pesticide motivation ), and NOT the result of ANY scientific research.

## **Business Growth ?!?!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION is somehow an opportunity for business growth, and has allegedly been well received by Professional Lawn Care companies because of its supposed positive effects — WRONG !

RESPONSE — Because of Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, DAMAGES to the Professional Lawn Care Industry were EXTENSIVE because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products. In the Province of Ontario, the Professional Lawn Care Industry LOST OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS, and businesses were forced to TERMINATE many or most of their employees — UP TO 12,500 BECAME UNEMPLOYED. Observers are expecting 780 BUSINESS FAILURES OR BANKRUPTCIES. In Ontario, ONE-COMPANY-PER-WEEK DISAPPEARS INTO TOTAL OBLIVION. The SAME fate awaits British Columbia.

## **Resident Support ?!?!**

MYTH — Enviro-Polls indicate that PROHIBITION is somehow supported by over 70 per cent of residents — WRONG !

RESPONSE — A MORE LEGITIMATE POLL, conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association ( CCSPA ) in 2011, indicated that the VAST MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROHIBITION of conventional pest control products. The CCSPA-Poll reported that the VAST MAJORITY of residents are OPPOSED to the PROHIBITION of conventional pest control products. Only an INFINITELY SMALL number of residents say « *no* » to the use of pest control products.

## **The Environmental Factor ?!?!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION was beneficial to companies like The Environmental Factor company which allegedly had a 400 per cent increase in sales — WRONG !

RESPONSE — Ontario Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION was NOT positive for ANYONE, except when they received FREE MONEY from the government. The story of Environmental Factor is NOT a good example of BUSINESS GROWTH under the PROHIBITION of pest control products. Environmental Factor is a supplier of Green Alternatives to conventional pest control products, such as the herbicide Corn Gluten Meal. It also operates a handful of lawn care company franchises. This company did NOT have a SUSTAINED 400 per cent increase in sales, but rather, its so-called growth was ARTIFICIAL because of an infusion of GOVERNMENT GRANTS. Unfortunately, Environmental Factor's BUSINESS GROWTH SEVERELY DETERIORATED because demand PLUMMETED for Corn Gluten Meal — this product does NOT control ANY weeds under ANY circumstances. Furthermore, several Environmental Factor lawn care franchises fell into BANKRUPTCY or BUSINESS FAILURE.

## **Halifax !?!!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION in Halifax Regional Municipality, in Nova Scotia, allegedly led to a 50 per cent increase in the number of Professional Lawn Care companies — WRONG !

RESPONSE — In 2000, Halifax IMPOSED, over a three-year period, the PROHIBITION of conventional pest control products used in the Urban Landscape. This Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION led to HARDSHIP AND LOSSES for the Professional Lawn Care businesses because there were NO valid economical alternatives to replace the prohibited products. Customers DISINTEGRATED BY OVER 50 PER CENT, and REVENUES PLUMMETED BY 40 PER CENT. The number of businesses DID NOT GROW WHATSOEVER !

## **Organizations !?!!**

MYTH — PROHIBITION is supported by Anti-Pesticide Activists that are somehow more knowledgeable than Health Canada — WRONG !

RESPONSE — Are Anti-Pesticide Activists more knowledgeable than Health Canada !?!?! NO ! Anti-Pesticide Activists have conveniently considered the hundreds of qualified scientists of Health Canada's respected Pest Management Regulatory Agency to be incompetent and/or incapable of

arriving at correct scientific findings concerning conventional pest control products. In order to allow SOUND SCIENCE to be effectively practiced, it would be preferable leave the interpretation of scientific research about pest control products to those people who ARE competent to do it — Health Canada, and NOT Anti-Pesticide Activists. NO pest control product can be sold or used until Health Canada's scientists have evaluated ALL the existing evidence to determine whether the product meets stringent health and safety requirements. Conventional pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE since they have been scrutinized and approved by the HUNDREDS of expert scientists at Health Canada ! Overall, when they are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment ! Instead of increasing the public's awareness of the largest known preventable causes of cancer, such as smoking and diet, Anti-Pesticide Activists prefer SCAMMING, DECEIVING, and ALARMING the public into believing there is some IMAGINARY DANGER with conventional pest control products. Rather than providing information for improving the lifestyle choices of the public that could, without a doubt, actually save lives, Anti-Pesticide Activists prefer CONCOCTING MYTHS, DECEPTIONS, FEAR-MONGERING, FRAUDULENT LIES, MISCONCEPTIONS, COERCION, THREATS, TERROR, and PARANOID CONSPIRACIES about conventional pest control products.

## **Prohibition NOT Necessary**

Any PROHIBITION of pest control products is NOT JUSTIFIED because STRICT REGULATIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ALREADY PROTECT OUR HEALTH and OUR ENVIRONMENT.

ALL PROHIBITIONS are 100 per cent Politically-Based and 0 per cent Science-Based.

The MAJOR SOURCE of exposure to pest control products is from FOOD SUPPLY, and NOT the Urban Landscape.

Incredibly, some jurisdictions ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT pest control products that are, in fact, ...

- Health-Canada-Approved
- Federally-Legal
- Safe For Children \*
- Scientifically-Safe

- Practically–Non–Toxic
  - Cause No Harm
  - Do Not Cause Cancer
  - Do Not Run–Off Into Lakes and Streams
  - Enhance the Urban Landscape
  - Good for the Environment
- \* Except when stored improperly in the home.

In jurisdictions like Ontario, PROHIBITION led to the DEATH of an elderly man who was forced to hand–pull TOXIC NOXIOUS WEEDS.

PROHIBITION INFLICTED IMMENSE LOSSES to the Professional Lawn Care Industry, in the HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

Because of PROHIBITION, green spaces are OVER–RUN WITH WEEDS, INFESTED WITH INSECTS, and DISMALLY DESTROYED — they look like GARBAGE DUMPS.

Overall, when pest control products are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

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National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry ( NORAHG ).

NORAHG is a NATIONAL NON–PROFIT NON–PARTISAN organization dedicated to representing the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY–RATED EXPERTS who promote PESTICIDE–REALISM and PESTICIDE–TRUTHS.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI–PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOUR — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

HUJE are enviro–lunatics, anti–pesticide activists, and lawn–haters, who particularly DESPISE the golf industry. There is NO RECOURSE but LITIGATION against these HUJE, as well as the CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVOCATION of the TAX–EXEMPT STATUS of their organizations.

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