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LETTER TO THE EDITOR — MEDIA RELEASE

RESPONSE TO ELISABETH BEAUBIEN

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Who Is Elisabeth Beaubien ?

Let's clearly identify that Elisabeth Beaubien is a Non-Expert Anti-Pesticide Activist who is PAID-FOR-PROFIT by Pesticide Free Edmonton, an organization that has NOT even updated its web-site since February 8th, 2010.

Furthermore, Beaubien is a middle-aged forestry student at the University of Alberta, and possesses NO RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE WHATSOEVER in matters concerning pest control products — her opinions are TOTALLY and UTTERLY WORTHLESS.

Nonetheless, Beaubien cycles and walks around town LOOKING FOR TROUBLE — in the form of HAPLESS Professional Lawn Care employees who are PROTECTING LANDSCAPES from damaging pests.

Employees are strongly urged NOT to RESPOND to her VERBAL HARASSMENTS, and NOT to answer ANY of her questions.

Beaubien must be politely told to contact the employer or Health Canada.

There is NOTHING to be gained by responding to an Anti-Pesticide Activist.

Beaubien has also attempted to SCAM and DECEIVE Edmonton Government Officials into believing that it is necessary to PROHIBIT conventional pest control products that are, in fact, HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, ALBERTA-APPROVED, FEDERALLY and PROVINCIALY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

In fact, PROHIBITION will NEEDLESSLY DESTROY the livelihood of employees who are PROFESSIONALLY-TRAINED, LAW-ABIDING, and TAX-PAYING.

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The MYTH of Cancer

Beaubien ALLEGES, with NO SCIENCE-BASED EVIDENCE, that some of the products used by Professional Lawn Care companies are somehow « *associated with the incidence of many cancers as well as nerve problems such as Parkinson's disease and attention deficit disorder.* »

Beaubien is WRONG !

It is a MYTH to believe that pest control products such as 2,4-D somehow cause cancer.

2,4-D has been used for the control of broad-leaved weeds in the Urban Landscape SINCE 1946.

2,4-D has a 65-YEAR UNBLEMISHED SAFETY RECORD regarding long-term risk to health.

In 2007, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada and the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued a ruling that 2,4-D IS NOT CANCER-CAUSING IN HUMANS.

The World Health Organization lists 2,4-D in the SAME CANCER-RISK CATEGORY AS PICKLED VEGETABLES AND CELL-PHONES.

Pest control products CAUSE NO HARM, including chronic effects such as CANCER.

In fact, NO cause-and-effect relationship between pest control products and cancer has been established scientifically.

Protective Equipment

While watching a Professional Lawn Care applicator perform his tasks, Beaubien observed that « *this man was just wearing pants and a T-shirt; no long sleeves, hat, nor a respirator or mask* ».

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Beaubien was IMPLYING that the applicator was improperly protected, and needed to wear a mask or a respirator.

Beaubien is INCORRECT !

In fact, the applicator was NOT required to wear a mask or a respirator because IT WAS NOT NECESSARY.

All pest control products applied by Professional Lawn Care companies DO NOT require RESPIRATORY PROTECTION such as masks or respirators.

The instructions for using these products, including the requirements for personal protection, are clearly indicated on the label.

All pest control products applied by Professional Lawn Care companies DO NOT require RESPIRATORY PROTECTION such as masks or respirators.

To ensure applicator safety, the label states what personal protective equipment needs to be worn when applying the product.

However, ALL pest control products used by Professional Lawn Care companies are considered as EYE and SKIN IRRITANTS, and personal protective equipment, such as pants and rubber boots, may be required for the applicator.

Nonetheless, NO pest control products used by Professional Lawn Care companies require the use of respiratory protection for the applicator.

NO PROHIBITION in Alberta

Elisabeth Beaubien must surely be aware that the Government of Alberta has NO INTENTION to PROHIBIT, on a province-wide basis, pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

The Government of Alberta stated on August 9th, 2011, that it intends to continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT USING SCIENCE-BASED EVIDENCE, and WILL NOT CREATE RESTRICTIONS OR LAWS that conflict with Health Canada, the federal agency relied upon for health and safety assessments.

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According to the Government of Alberta, restricting access to products that are designed and approved to be used safely CONFLICTS with its assessment of the public's need for access to all tools available for controlling a variety of pests.

Pest Control Products PROTECT OUR LANDSCAPES

Pest control products are used very selectively, and only when necessary to PROTECT THE HEALTH of turfgrasses and ornamental plants in our Urban Landscapes.

They are applied to help PROTECT OUR LANDSCAPES from the damage caused by insects, weeds, and disease.

First and foremost, pest control products are NOT USED PRIMARILY FOR AESTHETIC REASONS.

They are tools that help to ENSURE A HEALTHY LANDSCAPE.

The use of these products PROTECTS OUR LANDSCAPES as VALUABLE ECOLOGICALLY-IMPORTANT Green Spaces.

Prohibition Is NOT Necessary

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

In fact, pest control products are ...

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

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- Practically-Non-Toxic
- Good for the Environment
- * Except when stored improperly in the home.

In other jurisdictions PROHIBITION has led to CARNAGE.

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

In jurisdictions where PROHIBITION has been IMPLEMENTED, the Professional Lawn Care Industry has SUFFERED IMMENSE LOSSES, in the HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

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

PROHIBITION is NOT necessary because, 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 represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people in the Green Space Industry who are OPPOSED to Anti-Pesticide and Anti-Fertilizer PROHIBITION.

NORAHG is TOTALLY INDEPENDENT as a NATIONAL NON PROFIT and NON PARTISAN organization dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

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