

## Review discredited

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Re: Review urges reducing pesticide exposure, March 13.

This letter's misleading characterization of the Ontario College of Family Physicians' review of pesticide literature is a disgrace, although it is typical of activist groups, such as the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, which search far and wide for support of the extreme anti-pesticide position and yet continue to find themselves unable to point to anything better than the 2004 family physicians' report which is a literature review, not an actual scientific study.

What's important to know, however, is that when the Ontario College of Family Physicians first released its concerns, regulatory bodies around the world sat up and took note. The result? The college's report has been roundly discredited.

Many reputable organizations, including the United Kingdom Pesticides Safety Directorate and CANTOX Health Sciences, have questioned the report's conclusions.

The United Kingdom Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution called the Ontario College of Family Physicians' evaluation inconsistent, superficial and over-interpreting.

Health Canada also reviewed the findings but determined there was nothing in the report to merit further regulatory action.

Gideon Forman's right about one thing, though. Citizen readers must decide for themselves whom they trust to protect their health.

I hope that with this new information having been brought to light, they'll be better able to see that it's neither Forman nor the Ontario government.

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