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## Shouldn't spraying be our choice if done safely?

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to the recent story 'MPP seeks pesticide ban amendment'.

Miltongreen president Jim Steeves said, "There are a lot more butterflies and bird life, rabbits and worms. These are all animals that are coming back."

I would like to get my hands on the rabbit that has returned to my garden. It has a feast on my perennial plants. I have put out safe products like blood meal, which the rabbit isn't supposed to like, but it's still here. It has eaten branches off my rose bush.

There are skunks and raccoons every night, and if you have bugs in your grass, the skunks will dig them up and destroy your lawn.

Mr. Steeves also said that with spraying there are neurological concerns. I would like to have the facts on this issue. I have written to the Liberal leader for the last two years asking for the provincial government to send me this information and I haven't heard back from them.

I was brought up in an era when they used DDT and I don't think I'm neurologically affected. I do, though, have such bad allergies to weeds that I find it hard to work in my garden. I can't even sit in the park with my granddaughter without having an attack. I take pills for the allergies and then I'm too tired to do anything.

Some people in the area have let their lawns go to dandelions, which doesn't help our lawn.

We work hard and now that we can't spray, it's even harder to keep our grass nice. We have more mosquitoes and spiders than when we could spray.

My husband would spray in the late evenings when there were no children around. Our children were brought up with the spraying and they seem well.

There are so few people who care enough about their lawns to spray anyway. So why can't it be our choice if we do it safely and controlled?

I could go on but I need to get to work. I walk to work and can't breathe by the time I get there due to the weeds on Thompson Road.

Sue Paul

Milton

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### SUE PAUL IS RIGHT, AND JIM STEEVES IS WRONG !

Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and NO HARM WILL OCCUR when they are used according to label directions. ? Not surprisingly, Mr. Chudleigh AGREED ? and deserves CONGRATULATION. ? The MAJORITY of Ontarians AGREE with Sue Paul and Mr. Chudleigh, since according to a recent Ontario poll, MORE THAN HALF of Ontario residents believe that the provincial government DID NOT DO THE RIGHT THING by implementing Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION. ? Ontario residents WOULD RATHER HAVE THE BAN SCRAPPED OR MODIFIED. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-3kB> ?

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