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RESPONSE TO WARREN BELL & GIDEON FORMAN — **SHORT VERSION**

(CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY)

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Anti-Pesticide Activists like Warren Bell and Gideon Forman are **NO EXPERTS**, but A **LARGE NUMBER SCIENTIFIC HEALTH AND POLICY EXPERTS** have publicly stated, in one form or another, that pest control products are **SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE**.

<http://wp.me/p1jq40-5DD> It is **DESPICABLE** that Bell-Forman **EXPLOIT CHILDREN** as **WEAPONS OF COERCION AND ULTIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR** in order to convince the **PUBLIC** of the necessity of **PROHIBITION**, especially since Health Canada **PROTECTS CHILDREN**. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2ha> **PROHIBITION** is **NOT** necessary because, overall, when pest control products are used properly, there are **NO** harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment ! Moreover, polls have **CONFIRMED** that **THE PUBLIC REJECT PROHIBITION**. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bo> By describing pest control products as somehow « *poisons* », Bell-Forman are practicing a form of **COERCION, INTIMIDATION, and TERRORISM**. **OVERWHELMING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE PROVES** that pest control products are **SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, CAUSE NO HARM, and DO NOT CAUSE CANCER**. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2nl> Even Canadian Cancer Society's own web-sites **STATE REPEATEDLY** that there is **NO CONCLUSIVE LINK** with cancer. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4qC> Despite Bell-Forman's false reassurances, Ontario's **PROHIBITION CREATED CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE**, with businesses **LOSING OVER 500,000,000 DOLLARS**, with **UP TO 12,500 UNEMPLOYED**. Bell-Forman **WRONGLY PROMOTE** Green Alternatives Pesticides that are actually **DISMAL FAILURES**. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-445> For example, wherever **MANUAL WEED PICKING** has been used as an alternative, Government Officials **RAPIDLY REVERT BACK TO CONVENTIONAL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS**, such as Highland Park in Chicago. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-3z1> Bell-Forman **WRONGFULLY ALLEGE** that Ontario's 2009 **PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION** was helpful environmentally, when, in fact, pest control products used in the **Urban Landscape DO NOT** enter our lakes and rivers through surface run-off and storm sewers. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-27X> Bell-Forman also neglect to mention that there are **REAL TRENDS AGAINST PROHIBITION** across North America, with dozens of jurisdictions that are **STOPPING or RESCINDING or LIMITING Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, or GRANTING Professional Lawn Care businesses with an EXCEPTION STATUS**. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-1JO> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6h1> There is **NOT ONE KNOWN ILLNESS or DEATH** from the proper use of pest control products used in the **Urban Landscape**. Perhaps if Bell-Forman were to prioritize their energies to the **PRIMARY CAUSES OF HEALTH ISSUES**, such as life-style choices, **LIVES WOULD BE SAVED**. For the **LONG VERSION** of this **RESPONSE**, go to <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6o7> **WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G** <http://pesticidetruths.com/>

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Anti-pesticide activists like Warren Bell and Gideon Forman are no experts, but a large number scientific health and policy experts have publicly stated, in one form or another, that pest control products are scientifically-safe. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5dd> It is despicable that Bell-Forman exploit children as weapons of coercion and ultimate environmental terror in order to convince the public of the necessity of prohibition, especially since Health Canada protects children. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-2ha> prohibition is not necessary because, overall, when pest control products are used properly, there are no harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment ! Moreover, polls have confirmed that the public reject prohibition. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-2bo> By describing pest control products as somehow « *poisons* », Bell-Forman are practicing a form of coercion, intimidation, and terrorism. Overwhelming scientific evidence proves that pest control products are scientifically-safe, cause no harm, and do not cause cancer. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-2nl> Even Canadian Cancer Society's own web-sites state repeatedly that there is no conclusive link with cancer. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-4qc> Despite Bell-Forman's false reassurances, Ontario's prohibition created catastrophic carnage, with businesses losing over 500,000,000 dollars, with up to 12,500 unemployed. Bell-Forman also wrongly promote green alternatives pesticides that are actually dismal failures. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-445> For example, wherever manual weed picking has been used as an alternative, government officials rapidly revert back to conventional products, such as in Highland Park, Chicago. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-3z1> Bell-Forman wrongfully allege that Ontario's prohibition was helpful environmentally, when, in fact, pest control products used in the urban landscape do not enter our lakes and rivers through surface run-off and storm sewers. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-27x> Bell-Forman also neglect to mention that there are real trends against prohibition across North America, with dozens of jurisdictions that are stopping or rescinding or limiting anti-pesticide prohibition, or granting professional lawn care businesses with an exception status. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-1jo> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6h1> There is not one known illness or death from the proper use of pest control products used in the urban landscape. Perhaps if Bell-Forman were to prioritize their energies to the primary causes of health problems, such as life-style choices, lives would be saved. For the long version of this response, go to <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6o7>
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