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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 WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G http://pesticidetruths.com/