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Honourable Barry Penner
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Dear Minister Penner:

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon, and thousands of British Columbians, I am pleased to submit to the BC government's public consultation restricting chemical cosmetic pesticides, 3500 signatures on our petition and 248 letters in support of a ban on the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides. In addition, 2,700 British Columbians have become a fan of our Pesticide Free BC facebook site, and over 1,900 British Columbians from across the province have sent emails to you and to the consultation, in support of provincial legislation, and those numbers continue to grow daily.

The Union of BC Municipalities, nineteen provincial health and environmental organizations, and 76% of British Columbians support a ban on the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides and similar numbers are concerned about the potential health and environmental impacts that these chemicals pose. We hope that the BC government will put the health of its citizens first and take swift action to ban the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides in British Columbia. Thank you for all of the work you are doing towards this end.

Sincerely,

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