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Posted By Gideon Forman

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RE: "Municipal Exemptions" (March 11)

Thank you for writing about Ontario's new pesticide law -- the most health-protective legislation of its kind in North America.

Your article contains one misleading claim. You say concern over pesticides is being expressed by "special interest groups". In fact, polling shows concern over pesticides is expressed by about 70% of Ontarians. It is also expressed by Ontario's health authorities including the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the Ontario Medical Association (Section on Pediatrics), and the Canadian Cancer Society -- all of which strongly support the new provincial ban. It would just be silly to call Ontario's family doctors, pediatricians, nurses, and health charities "special interests". Their only interest is protecting the public.

The special interests are those groups opposing the ban.

Gideon Forman

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