

# Pest poisons sicken people

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Dear Editor,

The fact is, even used as directed, lawn and garden pesticides can make us sick [Ban fails for toxic reason, May 29 Opinion, TIMES].

The science shows that people exposed to these poisons increase their risk of having a child with birth defects.

They're also more likely to have cancer, neurological illness (eg., Parkinson's), reduced IQ, or asthma.

Our doctors' organization - along with the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Lung Association - urge B.C. to enact a provincewide ban on non-essential pesticides. Doing so would protect drinking water, family pets, and most importantly, B.C.'s children.

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