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Canadian Cancer Society advocates cosmetic-pesticide ban

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Editor:

In May, the B.C. Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides released its report, which contained 17 recommendations to the government.

Although these recommendations did not include an outright ban on lawn and garden pesticides, it's important to note the BC government has not made a decision (and the special committee itself did not have consensus in arriving at these recommendations).

It's also noteworthy that, of the 7,300 e-questionnaires submitted by British Columbians during the committee's e-consultation, almost 5,000 supported a ban on the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides. [BIG DEAL !]

The Canadian Cancer Society maintains health should take precedence over lawns. [?!?!]

It's important to note pesticide registration by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada does not mean a pesticide is safe or without risk. [WRONG !]

When the PMRA registers a pesticide, it means risk to human health and the environment is minimized — but not eliminated — if the product is used for its intended purpose and according to label directions. In its assessments, the PMRA does not differentiate between cosmetic use and non-cosmetic use. [?!?!]

While a definitive cause and effect relationship between pesticides and cancer has not been established, the Canadian Cancer Society is very concerned about the growing body of evidence suggesting pesticides may increase the risk of several types of cancers, including non-Hodgkin lymphoma, multiple myeloma, prostate, kidney and lung cancers. [?!?!]

Prohibiting the use of cosmetic pesticides is both responsible and respectful of the state of the scientific evidence. [WRONG !]

We thank the 40 municipalities throughout B.C. who have shown leadership by adopting cosmetic pesticide bylaws — and we hope British Columbia municipalities will continue to adopt cosmetic-pesticide bylaws. [WRONG !]

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On May 17th, 2012, British Columbia's Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides announced that it WILL NOT RECOMMEND PROHIBITION against the use of pest control products in the Urban Landscape. The Committee made THE RIGHT CHOICE, and deserves CONGRATULATION. http://wp.me/P1jq40-2c2 The story about the number of people who responded to the Committee's e-questionnaire is MEANINGLESS. The VAST MAJORITY of the responses were ORCHESTRATED, through a coast-to-coast CAMPAIGN, using MONEY AND RESOURCES provided by Canadian Cancer Society. This CAMPAIGN has given an unsuspecting public the FALSE and FRAUDULENT impression that the Anti-Pesticide Movement has considerable size and power, when in fact, IT DOES NOT. This is yet another example of Canadian Cancer Society SQUANDERING MONEY AND RESOURCES on an issue that has been SCIENTIFICALLY ASSESSED by Health Canada. Nonetheless, Canadian Cancer Society has WASTED up to 5,000,000 DOLLARS on SUBVERSIVE and PARTISAN Anti-Pesticide CONSPIRACIES. Canadian Cancer Society FALSELY ALLEGES having UNDISCLOSED, NON-EXISTENT AND UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE about the safety of pest control products. Health Canada, and NOT Canadian Cancer Society, has THE ESSENTIAL EXPERTISE on the subject of pest control products. Not surprisingly, NOT A SINGLE PERSON within Canadian Cancer Society has ANY recognized expertise, training or background in matters concerning pest control products. Canadian Cancer Society is RIDICULOUSLY IMPLYING that its NON-EXPERT ASSESSMENT is somehow being withheld from Health Canada and EVERY other regulatory agency in the world. http://wp.me/P1jq40-1OW http://wp.me/P1jq40-2I8 Canadian Cancer Society's own web-sites state that scientific research does NOT provide a conclusive link between pest control products and cancer. Even one of Canadian Cancer Society's HIGHEST-RANKING LOBBYIST states that the connection between cancer and pesticides is NOT CONCLUSIVE. http://wp.me/P1jq40-4qC Organizations like Canadian Cancer Society MUST NOT GET MORE MONEY for MISINFORMING AND FEAR-MONGERING ! There is NO RECOURSE but OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS AND LITIGATION against Environmental and Anti-Pesticide Organizations. They DO NOT DESERVE ANY DONATIONS OR SUPPORT. http://wp.me/P1jq40-1PE Nor do they deserve TAX-EXEMPT STATUSES. They DO deserve to FACE THE SPOTLIGHT OF THE MEDIA and TERROR OF THE COURTS ! In Canada, Anti-Pesticide Organizations like Canadian Cancer Society are presently UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR CHARITY FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY. The Government of Canada DOES NOT want its society to continue living in the 9|11 Era of Anti-Pesticide Enviro-Lunatic Profit-Hungry Terrorism ! http://pesticidetruths.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Force-Of-Nature-Enviro-PROFIT-Canada-2012-03-30-Canada-ENDS-the-9-11-Era-of-Enviro-Lunatic-Terrorism-pdf.pdf