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No exemptions from pesticide ban

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I do believe pesticides are a major health risk and regardless of federal regulations, should not be used, period. People need to change the way resources are managed, I know change is difficult, but things can't continue the way they have been any longer. Pesticide companies have been pushing cosmetic pesticides since the Second World War ended and they needed to keep selling their products. These companies are master manipulators and have spent a fortune to make us believe we can't survive without their precious chemicals. Federally regulated or not, testing for these toxins are done in labs and not in nature where these chemicals interact with others and affect different parts of the ecosystems. If there is even a suspicion that cosmetic pesticides can be linked to cancer and other health problems, why would we want to put people in unnecessary risk? (See the Canadian Cancer website for more details.)

I am writing this because I received an e-newsletter from a Kelowna golf course stating that if a person wants to continue playing golf they must sign their petition to **stop the government from including golf courses in their cosmetic pesticide ban.** They are trying to get their members to believe that golf greens are not cosmetic and absolutely essential, and are in a different category than spraying toxic chemicals on your own lawn or garden. First of all, I don't agree with companies sending completely biased newsletters using scare tactics to bully people into letting them continue business as usual. And secondly, what makes golf courses so special? Golf course owners need to realize that even though a person likes golf or is on a mailing list for a golf course, it doesn't mean that they are willing to sacrifice environmental

and human health so a company can keep increasing their annual profits.

Things are changing, people are waking up, and corporations can't get away with using scare tactics to contribute to social and environmental degradation any longer. This approach might still work on some, but not me.

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