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From: bjhoy@localnet.com
Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Pollinators and pesticides (umbrella term)

Dear Ravalli County Board of Health,

Some of the studies I sent to you concerning the effects of Roundup/glyphosate were called a "witch hunt" against Monsanto a couple of years ago. Based on policies released by Costco and Aldi, Rite Aid just released the strongest retailer pollinator policy yet, encouraging its suppliers to phase out the use of glyphosate, neonicotinoids and organophosphates, including chlorpyrifos and expanding offerings of bee-friendly organic food. Are all of those large stores on a "witch hunt" against Monsanto and the other pesticide making companies or are they looking out for the lives and health of their customers. Just wondering?

Also, just to keep you informed, the MDFWP now has been somewhat addressing the birth defects on the big game animals and at least finally talk about them, because of the SD Study that was published in Nature last spring, based on two studies of big game animals done here in Ravalli County. That SD study received international attention and proved that the congenital malformation that were reported on the Montana big game animals and domestic animals are birth defects and not normal variations (as the MDFWP told the RCBOH on several occasions - I have copies of the emails they sent to the RCBOH).

What has that got to do with you. That was addressed in my letter to the editor in the Ravalli Republic last Sunday. If you didn't see it, here are the stats that I got from the CDC records and other sites that were listed in the letter.

One of every two pregnancies results in death to the fetus or a less than healthy child.

Of nearly 74 million U.S. children born each year, approximately one of three suffers a serious disorder.

Over 30 kinds of pesticides are found in babies' umbilical cords, along with mercury, flame retardants, dioxin and PCB's.

The costs of care associated with toxin linked childhood illnesses in Montana alone are well over \$400,000,000 a year.

Between 5 and 6 BILLION pounds of pesticides are now used on Earth every year.

Exposure to brain damaging pesticides during development is resulting in doubling the number of retarded adults, and it is cutting the number of gifted by more than half.

Dr. Ian Donald stated, "The first 38 weeks of human life are medically more fraught with danger than the next 38 years in a human's lifespan."

Exposure to certain pesticides has been shown to cause many wild animals (including invertebrates and vertebrates) in Montana to decline in population.

I find these statistics to be extremely concerning. Do you?

Sincerely,
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