

## **Glenda Wiles**

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**From:** bjhoy@localnet.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 6:58 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** Dangers of Glyphosate exposure

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners and Ravalli County Health Department,

An important report this week by newspapers in India concerned the contamination by Roundup/Glyphosate in their imported food, especially pulses. A pulse is an edible seed that grows in a pod, including all beans, peas and lentils. India imports large amounts of pluses from Canada and Australia. Pulses grown in Canada have been tested, with biologically significant levels of glyphosate found. Poor people in India eat pulses almost daily, so would get continuous extensive exposure to glyphosate in their food.

The report stressed the following points, based on government tests and thousands of studies. 1) Pulses from Canada were tested and reported to be contaminated with glyphosate

2) Glyphosate hurts people

3) It damages our immune system

4) It can trigger multiple diseases

5) It obstructs our efforts to pick up mineral nutrients from food

6) It obstructs our ability to absorb vitamins from food

7) It interferes in construction of proteins Consequently, the India Parliament is considering testing of all imported pulses for glyphosate contamination before allowing the foods to be sold to the people.

Will glyphosate contamination affect exports of grain and pulses by the United States, as well as those from Canada and will it affect Montana farmers, including those in Ravalli County?

One thing the Indian news report did not mention is that embryonic and fetal exposure to glyphosate has been shown to result in developmental defects. Studies using amphibians, birds and mammals showed the glyphosate exposure resulted in similar birth defects in all those kinds of vertebrates. The study was done because so many children were being born with birth defects to parents near Roundup sprayed fields in South America. As a result of the studies, Roundup was banned in some areas of South America.

Also, since I wrote to you last, Roundup has been shown to cause lymphoma and liver damage. Don't you think it is way past time to mitigate the serious effects that Roundup causes to plants and animals, including people by banning use in Ravalli County?

I have in the past, sent you absolute proof that the 1997 Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife Lab report on the white-tailed deer carcasses they examined for birth defects was not only untrue, it strongly indicated in their own words that they likely switched normal fetuses for the malformed fetuses that the game warden provided to them from Ravalli County. That, I am told is fraud. I am still waiting for the Ravalli County Commissioners to do something about that. The deer are still being seriously affected and so are the newborn children. It says in your job description that you are elected to protect the health, welfare and property of the citizens of Ravalli County. When can I expect you to begin doing your job? I would also suggest that you ask the Montana Senators and Representatives to do something about this issue, since the children, wildlife and domestic animals all over Montana and throughout the United States are being similarly damaged for life.

Sincerely,  
Judy Hoy