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From: bjhoy@localnet.com
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:54 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Regarding the new study on the birth defects

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners and Board of Health,

I would like to bring it to your attention that the new South Dakota study done on the white-tailed deer and Imidacloprid exposure was published in Nature, the most respected scientific journal in the world. Therefore, I hope that no one makes fun of the study or the journal in which it was published, like was done to my colleagues and I and the journals in which we published our studies. Obviously, the researchers at the State University of South Dakota were not so critical of where we published, since they did their study to determine if we were correct.

I would like for you to consider at your next BOH meeting to write a letter to Governor Bullock asking for him to ban the use of neonicotinoids, especially Imidacloprid in Montana, like other states have done. We are almost running out of bumble bees and butterflies of some kinds. Not to mention it is very unkind to cause newborn babies to have birth defects and serious health conditions their entire life, not to mention how expensive it is for the state and the parents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Hopefully, you will make the letter from you to the Governor, and not about me asking you to do this. I am asking you to do it because it is the right thing to do and neonicotinoids should be banned as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Judy Hoy