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Dear Minister Forbes,

I understand that the Saskatchewan Government is developing a *Strategy for a Green and Prosperous Economy*. I urge the Saskatchewan government to consider pesticide reduction as part of this strategy.

I believe the April 2004 Ontario College of Family Physicians review shows quite clearly that pesticides are a health issue and that children are especially vulnerable.

I therefore encourage Saskatchewan Environment to include steps to reduce children's exposure to pesticides in the *Strategy for a Green and Prosperous Economy*. These steps could include:

- * a ban or restrictions on pesticide use in areas heavily used by children including daycares, school yards, sports fields and playgrounds,
- * the publication of pamphlets and their distribution at medical clinics encouraging parents to reduce their children's exposure to pesticides around home, and
- * the establishment of an office of organic agriculture and gardening.

I feel the government would be unwise to ignore the important resolution passed by SAHO in March 2003:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT SAHO call on the government of Saskatchewan to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides in public places such as school grounds, playgrounds, parks another places."

These steps can provide a significant reduction in exposure to our children, while not threatening our agriculture industry.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely yours,

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