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Hon. Rona Ambrose,
Minister of Health,
Government of Canada.

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By email: Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca; Rona.Ambrose@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister Ambrose;

Prevent Cancer Now (PCN) is a Canadian non-governmental organization that works to eliminate preventable causes of cancer. PCN was incorporated in 2007, and reaches over 20,000 people through its online newsletter.

We are writing in support of the request for special reviews of 29 pesticides that are registered for use in Canada, but banned in other countries, as requested of you by Équiterre and the David Suzuki Foundation in October 2012. Consistent with our organizational focus, PCN particularly supports special review of the pesticides that were banned in other countries due in part to their links with cancer, including 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), Bromoxynil, Dichlorvos, Linuron and Paraquat.

If special reviews are initiated, PCN intends to participate and contribute. In particular, we would share scientific and other information relevant to whether pesticides that are potentially harmful to human health should be de-registered in Canada.

As one example of our serious concerns with Health Canada's continued registration of pesticides linked to cancer, PCN has a keen interest in participating in a special review of the herbicide 2,4-D, that poses unacceptable risks to human health.

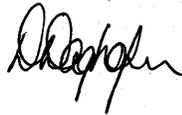
PCN particularly asks you to initiate a special review of 2, 4-D in light of the recent re-evaluation note REV2013-02, by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). That re-evaluation refers to, among other data, new dioxin analyses provided to the PMRA by industry. We find these industry dioxin analyses to be demonstrably flawed, as highlighted by an urgent review of 2,4-D presently being conducted by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. The PMRA's reliance on this new industry information is very troubling, as has been detailed in correspondence from Dr. Meg Sears to the PMRA, and we request that you initiate a special review immediately to examine 2, 4-D.

Furthermore, according to the PMRA's recent re-evaluation note, this additional information was apparently requested by the PMRA and reported by industry under section 12 of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

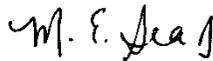
Thus you are required, under section 14, to determine whether a special review of the registration of the pest control product should now be initiated.

In our view, it is urgent to reduce Canadians' exposure to potentially carcinogenic chemicals. We look forward to your prompt decisions to initiate special reviews of all pesticides banned for human health reasons by other countries. Furthermore, we request that, in determining our request to initiate a special review of 2,4-D, you please provide PCN with the written reasons for your decision.

Respectfully submitted,



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