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PLEASE FORWARD WIDELY - Thank you!!!

The Pesticide Code of Québec is now in force in Québec and will be fully phased-in by March 3, 2006. The highlights of the Code can be viewed at:

<http://www.menv.gouv.qc.ca/pesticides/permis-en/code-gestion-en/index.htm> The Code is aimed at the protection of human health and the environment, especially for our children. **This wonderful piece of legislation will have no value unless it is implemented across Québec.**

Large number of supportive letters to the new Minister of Environment, Mr. Thomas Mulcair would be very helpful. Please circulate this message widely to all your contacts encouraging them to write. Your letters are very powerful - many letters to the Minister will let him know that we are very serious in our demand for a safe environment, and that the rest of Canada and the world support this world benchmark in pesticide use restrictions!

Addresses, phone and fax numbers of the Ministers and the concerned members of the opposition party are given at the end of the letter in case you need the information.

For your convenience, a sample letter is attached. **Please amend it before sending.** Individual letters have much more value.

A copy of the Code in English or French can be ordered for a minimal fee from: **'Publication du Québec' at: (418) 643-5150 or if you can reach it, at: 1-800-463-2100**

Please send your email to: [ministre@menv.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:ministre@menv.gouv.qc.ca); [alain.gaul@menv.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:alain.gaul@menv.gouv.qc.ca)  
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Copy to (Hon. Jean Charest- letter to be sent at the site at):  
[http://www.premier.gouv.qc.ca/general/exprimez\\_vous/exprimez\\_vous\\_en.htm](http://www.premier.gouv.qc.ca/general/exprimez_vous/exprimez_vous_en.htm)

A sample letter to be sent to the Minister:

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Minister Thomas Mulcair  
Minister of the Environment  
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Dear Minister Mulcair,

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Environment for Québec.

I am writing to let you know that I hold the Environment Ministry of Québec in high esteem for the very special efforts it has made to put into place a Pesticide Code that is unparalleled in North America and even Globally. Such legislation points out to us that the Government of Québec is listening to its people and that it is willing to place the protection of human health over other considerations.

Undoubtedly, this new and much needed direction will create jobs in the green space Industry, promote safe practices for lawn care, encourage research into new techniques and most of all, protect children from the danger of lawn care chemicals. Children must be the focus of our decisions and the reason why we need toxin-free environments. It is heartening to see that pesticides will not be allowed outside or inside schools, and it is therefore only logical that this protection be extended to children in their homes as well. Notwithstanding the fact that the love we have for our children is boundless, we must also acknowledge that they are the future of our Nation and thus should be protected at all times.

We have a choice of whether to eat organic food or not. However, when a neighbour uses pesticides, many around are exposed, often against their will. This is a clear travesty against our Basic Human Right to breathe clean air and to live in health.

I congratulate you once again, and I urge you to defend the Code in its entirety. Undoubtedly, Québec will become a very attractive Tourist Resort, being pesticide-free, where people will feel safe to visit.

Yours sincerely,

Your name and  
Address

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Addresses, phone and fax numbers of the Ministers and the concerned members of the opposition party:

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