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Victoria City Council
Attention: Committee on the Whole
Meeting on May 4th, 2006

Re: CRD's Proposed Model Pesticide Use Control Bylaw

Honourable Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

On behalf of the Society for Organic Urban Land Care, I wish to express our active support of a pesticide bylaw for the Capital Regional District.

While the proposed regulation is by no means perfect yet, it signifies an important step into the right direction. Whichever way Council will decide, the decision to either enact a bylaw now or to remain passive, will send an important signal across the province, indeed across all of Canada.

The fact that large parts of the horticultural/agricultural sector are still focused on “pest management”, rather than considering support of intrinsic plant and landscape health, reveals a profound need for education at all levels.

SOUL will be happy to help provide this kind of education. We oppose the staff report with its recommendation to postpone the necessary next step – the implementation of a bylaw.

Committed to furthering public understanding of organic principles and the interconnectedness of all things and actions,
I remain, respectfully,

Christina Nikolic,
President
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