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**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 11:16 AM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New study concerning mothers, their babies and glyphosate

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners and Ravalli County Board of Health,

For years, colleagues and I have been trying to get the Ravalli County Board of Health to do something about the birth defects and mortality in the newborn children in Ravalli County. We said that what was causing the serious conditions needed to be determined. We suggested the synergistic effects of herbicides that were Glyphosate Based Herbicides (GBH) and a neonicotinoid insecticide named Imidacloprid to be the primary cause based on the extreme increase in use of those pesticides, as well as timing of the health conditions immediately after the increases in use.

For over 20 years, the County Commissioners and the Board of Health have done very little to protect the mothers and their developing fetuses from the pesticides. Many times the members said my colleagues and I were incorrect about the pesticides. Here is a new study of human mothers and babies that might be of interest to you concerning just one of the pesticides, glyphosate, that our studies and studies based on our studies suggested years ago was involved in causing the severe adverse health issues.

<https://ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12940-022-00906-3>

The researchers said, "This groundbreaking study builds on growing research that has linked glyphosate to birth defects, miscarriage and infertility in animal studies. Yet the EPA still allows more than 250 million pounds of glyphosate to be sprayed on American farmlands each year!"

Note that they said research has linked glyphosate to birth defects, miscarriage and infertility in animal studies. Those are the conditions our studies done here in Ravalli County showed was happening to wildlife, domestic animals and humans, especially children. Our third study showed a close correlation between the increase in use of glyphosate and the increase in multiple birth defects and health issues in humans, especially children. Even after that study was published in 2015, the Ravalli County Board of Health still would not ask the EPA to do anything to find and mitigate the extensive health issues on children.

Are not the Ravalli County Commissioners and the Ravalli County Board of Health responsible for protecting the health of the citizens of Ravalli County from dangers to the health of the people, including wide spread pollutants?

Claiming to be pro-life, while allowing children (millions, nation wide) to be maimed and killed by exposure to pesticides is the height of hypocrisy in my opinion. When will it be time to do something to stop the carnage?

Sincerely,  
Judy Hoy

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