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Ms Sue Peterson, Volunteer Administrator  
Safe Drinking Water Foundation  
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Dear Ms Peterson:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter expressing concern about the use of pesticides and requesting the government act on reducing pesticide exposure, especially involving children.

A recent article by Paul Hanley printed in the Star Phoenix states that invasive cancer is increasing by an average of three percent a year and kidney failure is increasing by ten percent a year and that these diseases are linked to our environment.

As you mentioned also, the article stated that children are more vulnerable to absorbing the toxins contained in pesticides because of their size, growth rate and habits. For this reason many organizations, such as yours, are lobbying for governments to ban pesticide use in parks and playgrounds and in cosmetics, and are promoting the use of alternative methods for pest control, such as mulching, in gardens and play areas.

Please be assured, that as the parent of three children, I share the concerns you have raised and that I will bring them to the attention of the Minister when we meet to discuss the Strategy for a Green and Prosperous Economy recommendations.

Thank you for sharing your concern and bringing this important issue to my attention.

Sincerely,

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