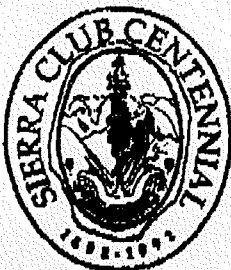


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Dear Keith,

It was good to see you again at Saturday's Pollution Prevention Workshop in E. St. Louis. In our small group discussion you raised the question of whether citizens were really concerned with the disproportionate amount of toxic waste sites located in minority areas. The answer is a resounding YES!!! I am sending along an order form for a report titled, "Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States". If you are interested in this topic the report will help you educate yourself about the issue.

At Saturday's meeting I asked people to take a copy of the Sierra Club's Action Alert wherein we explain why we want Governor Edgar to veto Senate Bill 85. Basically the bill revokes the right of local governments to regulate pesticides to protect the health of their residents. I don't know if you had a chance to get a copy of the handout so I am sending you one for your review. The Sierra Club wants to know if Monsanto is willing to call (and follow-up with a letter) Governor Edgar's office and strongly urge him to veto S.B. 85. I will call you on Friday to find out what your answer is.

Sincerely,

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ACTION ALERT

LOCAL PESTICIDE SAFEGUARDS UNDER ATTACK! CONTACT GOVERNOR EDGAR TODAY!

The General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 85, which revokes the right of local governments to regulate pesticides to protect the health of their residents. The bill is now on Governor Edgar's desk.

Senate Bill 85 was passed by the Illinois General Assembly this Spring over the objections of environmentalists, municipal officials, and public health advocates. The bill is part of a nationwide campaign by the pesticide industry to pre-empt local governments' pesticide regulation authority following a 1991 Supreme Court decision affirming the right of municipalities to enact such safeguards.

Governor Edgar must reject this attempt to tie the hands of local governments, leaving them powerless to protect their residents. Several Illinois communities, including Aurora, Schaumburg, Park Forest, and others have adopted ordinances in recent years aimed at protecting residents from accidental exposure to pesticides. Most of the ordinances simply require that neighbors be notified prior to pesticide applications. This protection is especially important to "chemically sensitive" people, who have adverse physical reactions to pesticides at much lower exposure levels than most people.

People's fears about the dangers of pesticides have led many local governments to take steps to protect citizens from exposure. Please urge Governor Edgar to support local government and public health and veto Senate Bill 85! He could act on the bill at any time.

Points to mention:

- *Pesticides are dangerous chemicals, and can threaten the public health.
- *Municipalities should be free to establish safeguards for their citizens.
- *S.B. 85 violates the principle of home rule.

PLEASE CONTACT GOVERNOR EDGAR TODAY:

WRITE:

Letters are most effective. If you can write a brief note (handwritten is OK), send it to:

The Honorable Jim Edgar
Governor
State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Also, send a copy to Gov. Edgar's environmental adviser:
Mr. Allen Grosboll
State Capitol, Room 207
Springfield, IL 62706

CALL:

Or, call toll-free and leave a message at the Governor's Office at 1-800-642-3112.

THE MESSAGE IS SIMPLE: PLEASE VETO SENATE BILL 85!

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