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Mr. Jennings,

I am contacting you with respect to the control of mosquitoes. I am concerned about any cut back in mosquito control that opens up the public to the various diseases carried by mosquitoes. As I am sure you are aware, mosquito control was originally initiated to stop encephalitis in both horses and humans. The various control programs have been successful in controlling this disease. However, should these programs be stopped or curtailed I would expect a resurgence of encephalitis to occur. Now mosquitoes are also carrying and spreading West Nile virus. Again this disease impacts both horses and humans. While there is a vaccine for horses and my horses have all been vaccinated, a vaccine is not currently available for humans. Just last year I found a dead bird in my yard that was tested for and found to have died from West Nile. As a result, additional sprayings to control mosquitoes were performed in my area. Given the known presence of the West Nile virus in my area, I believe it would be more appropriate to increase mosquito control, not decrease it. Thus, I am opposed to any reduction in programs for the control of mosquitoes.

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