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To Whom it May Concern:

As you may know, many people are upset with the spraying of Naled that Mosquito Control sprayed on August 2, 2018. The lack of awareness and communication with the community in regards to the controversial chemical spraying all over our island home is disgraceful. There was no public announcement, this was not put in the paper and barely put on any social media. Unless you were a member of the small population that actually is on the Mosquito Control call/email list and happened to be online, you were not aware this was being sprayed. The recorded voicemail that they actually left for those of us on that list did not even mention the word NALED. It only informed us of an "adulticide mission", versus the typical "larvicide mission" {of a much safer bacteria BTI spray, that we often have over the island.) Almost no one would even catch that... and these are the community members that have taken the extra step to receive information specifically about what chemicals are being sprayed on our island.

To top it off, Mosquito Control extended for this particular spray between the hours 6:30am to 9:30am which happens to fall into the time of day while many of our children and grandchildren were outside playing at camp or going to school. This is entirely unacceptable.

My daughters personally shared more information through Facebook, text messages and phone calls than anyone who was employed by Mosquito Control. Thankfully other parents and community members frantically tried to spread the word. Montessori, Sigsbee, the Arts and Cultural camp at Martello didn't know until my daughters told them. Then, to top it off, the counselor at the Camp at Martello called Mosquito Control the morning they were spraying Naled to see if it was done, only to be misinformed and told "due to 10 mph winds the mission was cancelled until the next day and to keep the kids inside till 10:30 am on Friday". Due to misinformation the children were then sent out to play on the freshly

chemicals sprayed on the Martello lawns. This was shameful. Mosquito Control, even after I suggested it, didn't even have the decency to inform the camper's parents of their exposure should they have any health difficulties over the weekend. One of these children was my Grandson. Naled, a neurotoxin, has been banned in Europe as it poses an "unacceptable risk" to humans. There have been many protests against its use in Miami, Puerto Rico etc.

I sent numerous articles in my emails to Mosquito Control. They say "the small amount of naled released) about 1-2 tablespoons per acre treated} exposures are below an amount that might pose a health concern to children and adults." MIGHT is the key word. Since they said the EPA says that, I went on the EPA site and it refers you to the Poison Control Center for information. I called the number and spoke to a very knowledgeable young man for quite some time. He advised that children should absolutely stay in a couple hours after Naled is sprayed. Additional precautions they suggested were "to stay indoors including pets, bring kids toys in, cover grills, bring pet food bowls in, keep windows closed and to turn off a/c s during spraying." He advised that Naled is in the process of being reevaluated and results hopefully will be out shortly.

We have to know when this is being sprayed to be pro active. Even the people on the call list didn't get 24 hours notice. There are reasons to be pro active about this. Google Naled and read some of the remarks and why it has been protested .We really need to have better communication so our children and grandchildren arent outside when or after this toxic chemical is being sprayed . Night spraying would be ideal but I know they dont have the capability yet. Funds should be appropriated to that cause.

We all need proper notification. How about putting it in the Citizen the day or two before and putting in an article telling residents how they can be on the Mosquito Boards email and call list giving them the number or email to do so. Mosquito Control shouldn't just call the mission "Adulticide". Use the word NALED in all announcements. Mosquito Control website hadn't even been updated to share this pertinent information. Make sure everyone at Mosquito Control has the correct information and if anyway possible, please push for earlier morning or evening spraying so parents walking their young children to school or camp sometimes carrying infants aren't exposed to this controversial spray. Let our service men know... the helicopters were actively spraying directly all over the Waste Management employees as they were picking up our trash and recycling that morning. Let our public know! Information is key!!

We appreciate the efforts that Mosquito Control makes to keep the mosquitos as bay, however there has to be a better way to make sure and keep our community safe in the meantime.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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