Open Letter to Premier Gary Doer, Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Mayor Katz, City Councillors, Municipal Councillors and Civil Servants;

Whereas the elderly and those with weakened immune systems and chronic diseases are most at risk from West Nile virus (1) (2),
Whereas fogging with malathion for adult mosquitoes most affects unborn and developing children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems (3) (4),
Whereas adulticiding is ineffective at killing mosquitoes and they are developing resistance to pesticides (5) (6),
Whereas adulticiding harms and kills off predator species, which don't rebound as quickly as mosquitoes (7) (8) and
Whereas adulticiding affects mosquitoes, birds, humans and other hosts and vectors of West Nile virus, in ways that increase levels and transmission of the virus (9) (10)

Therefore be it acknowledged that
FOGGING WITH INSECTICIDES MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS.

Whereas the Government of Canada endorses Absolute Priority to Health and Environmental Protection (11) and

Whereas appropriate preventive measures are to be taken where there is reason to believe that a pesticide is likely to cause harm (12)

Therefore, we the undersigned respectfully request that you, our elected representatives and civil servants, ensure that there will be

NO FURTHER FOGGING FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES IN MANITOBA

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