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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is conducting oversight of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) risk analysis prepared by the Cancer Assessment Review Committee (CARC). According to recent media reports, on April 29, 2016, EPA posted what appears to be the final risk assessment for glyphosate prepared by CARC (the CARC report).[1] The CARC report indicates that glyphosate is "Not Likely to be Carcinogenic to Humans."[2] Press reports indicate that EPA removed this document on May 2, 2016.[3] Subsequently, EPA has asserted that the analysis of glyphosate is not final and that the documents were posted "inadvertently."[4]

The Committee has reviewed the CARC report and point out that it is clearly marked as a "Final Report."[5] The report also contains the signatures of thirteen members of CARC.[6] However, EPA's removal of this report and the subsequent backtracking on its finality raises questions about the agency's motivation in providing a fair assessment of glyphosate – an assessment based on the scientific analysis conducted by CARC. Furthermore, EPA's apparent mishandling of this report may shed light on larger systemic problems occurring at the agency. In order to assist the Committee in its oversight of the EPA's assessment of glyphosate, please

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[1] P.J. Huffstutter, *EPA Takes Offline Report that Says Glyphosate Not Likely Carcinogenic,* Reuters, May 2, 2016, *available at* http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-glyphosate-epa-idUSKCN0XU01K.
[2] Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Potential of Glyphosate, Final Report, Cancer Assessment Review Committee, U.S. EPA, Oct. 1, 2015, *available at* http://src.bna.com/eAi.
[3] P.J. Huffstutter, *EPA Takes Offline Report that Says Glyphosate Not Likely Carcinogenic,* Reuters, May 2, 2016, *available at* http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-glyphosate-epa-idUSKCN0XU01K.
[4] *Id.*
[5] Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Potential of Glyphosate, Final Report, Cancer Assessment Review Committee, U.S. EPA, Oct. 1, 2015, *available at* http://src.bna.com/eAi.
[6] *Id.*

provide all documents and communications from January 1, 2015, to the present, referring or relating to the CARC report on glyphosate by 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2016.

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has jurisdiction over environmental and scientific programs and "shall review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government activities" as set forth in House Rule X.

The Committee requests that you provide the requested documents and information, in electronic format. An attachment to this letter provides details on producing documents to the Committee.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Joseph Brazauskas or Taylor Jordan of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee staff at 202-225-6371. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lamar Smith

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cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, Ranking Minority Member, House Committee on Science, Space and Technology