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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 continues to conduct oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) risk analysis for glyphosate prepared by the Cancer Assessment Review Committee (CARC). As stated in previous correspondence to EPA dated April 29, 2016, the agency 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]

The Committee is also aware that the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) conducted an evaluation of glyphosate over the period of March 3-10, 2015.[4] According to the IARC evaluation, it appears that EPA sent officials to participate in conducting the IARC study.[5] The CARC report noted that the IARC's analysis prompted EPA to re-evaluate glyphosate. In contrast to the CARC report, the IARC report found that glyphosate was harmful to humans. In several instances, the CARC report appears to dispute the findings of the IARC report and raises questions about IARC's analysis.[6]

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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] IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 112: Some Organophosphate Insecticides and Herbicides: Diazinon, Glyphosate, Malathion, Parathion, and Tetrachlorvinphos, March 2015, *available at* http://monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Monographs/vol112/mono112-09.pdf.
[5] IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 112: Some Organophosphate Insecticides and Herbicides: Diazinon, Glyphosate, Malathion, Parathion, and Tetrachlorvinphos, Participants List, March 2015, *available at* http://monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Monographs/vol112/vol112-participants.pdf.
[6] U.S. EPA, Glyphosate: Report of the Cancer Assessment Review Committee, Memorandum, Oct. 1, 2015, *available at* http://src.bna.com/eAi.

Given the apparent contradictions of the CARC and IARC findings for glyphosate and the participation of EPA officials in IARC's report, the Committee has concerns about the integrity of the IARC process, the role played by agency officials in the IARC study, and the influence that EPA officials involved in the IARC process have on the agency's analysis of glyphosate. In order for the Committee to better understand the process that EPA is using to evaluate glyphosate, we request the following officials be made available for transcribed interviews in July 2016:

- Matthew T. Martin, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Computational Toxicology
- Peter P. Egeghy, Office of Research and Development
- Jesudosh Rowland, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, Health Effects Division
- Charles Smith, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, Heath Effects Division

Please contact the Committee to schedule these interviews no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 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.

Furthermore, the Committee reiterates its request for documents referring to this matter as outlined in the letter dated May 4, 2016. 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 Richard Yamada of the House Science Committee staff at 202-225-6371. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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