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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your May 4, 2016, letter requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provide all documents and communications from January 1, 2015, to the present referring to or related to the agency's glyphosate Cancer Assessment Review Committee report. The agency has initiated a search for the requested materials.

As the agency has publicly stated since last fall, we are reviewing the evidence for carcinogenicity of glyphosate. On April 29, 2016, the EPA accidentally posted on the EPA website a report titled *Glyphosate: Report of the Cancer Assessment Review Committee.* The CARC document is one piece of information that the agency is using to inform the cancer classification for glyphosate. The EPA's determination will be peer reviewed and completed by the end of 2016.

Since the agency's cancer review for glyphosate is still underway, the document was removed from the EPA website to avoid the impression that the agency had completed the cancer classification. The agency is currently reviewing our standard operating procedures for the release of documents to avoid the inadvertent release of pre-decisional information in the future.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Sven-Erik Kaiser in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov or (202) 566-2753.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member