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To Whom It May Concern:

Virginians for Medical Freedom (VMF) is a non-partisan organization created to fight for freedom of medical choice and to stand against mandatory medical procedures, while upholding the innate human right established by our Founding Fathers *"that a human being has a natural right to freedom of thought, conscience and religious belief and must not be coerced or punished for exercising it."*

Virginians for Medical Freedom represents over 600 members. We are writing in reference of **docket identification number EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0385**. Our members have expressed their concerns over the toxic ingredient glyphosate and how it is impacting the health of their families. They feel that the overuse of this toxin is interfering with their right to choose a toxic-free lifestyle for themselves and their families.

Several recently published peer-reviewed studies point to serious health impacts from exposure to this toxic herbicide. Glyphosate has been shown in several recent studies to be an endocrine disruptor. According to the National Institutes of Health, endocrine disruptors could have long-term effects on public health, especially reproductive health. And the "dose makes the poison" rule does not apply to endocrine disruptors, which wreak havoc on our bodies at low doses. Glyphosate has been found in foods, soil, breast milk, water, in animals, and in humans in quantities that are extremely alarming, especially considering the dangers of this toxic substance.

Despite mounting studies that show the dangers of glyphosate, the EPA has chosen to listen to Monsanto, a multibillion dollar company, whose science is rooted in a conflict of interest due to monetary gain. Also concerning is the fact that glyphosate studies conducted by the EPA was in part funded by Monsanto. This raises eyebrows, and the validity of the tests is in questioned.

In independent tests conducted by scientist representing the group, Moms Across America, glyphosate was found in vaccinations. The most notable levels were found in the MMR vaccine. This vaccination is administer to toddlers between the ages of 12-15 months old (first dose) and (second dose) at 4-6 years of age, when children are still growing and when being poisoned by such a toxic ingredient can have the most dire consequences to their health. Of the top 17 most developed countries, the USA is **last**

in health. Also, we have the highest rates of infant mortality on the first day of life. One out of every two children have a chronic illness and one out of every forty-five children (and rising) has autism. One out of two American males and one out of three females are expected to get cancer today. Pesticides are linked to loss of IQ. American IQ has dropped 7 points since GMOs. These statistics are enough to make us pause and reevaluate the use of such a dangerous toxin that is poisoning people. There is a reason why seven EU states have extensive glyphosate prohibitions in place, two have restrictions and four countries have impending or potential bans, according to a "heat map" for the substance.

We demand that the EPA can take a serious look at the health and environmental hazards caused by glyphosate and take the necessary steps to ban and remove this hazardous toxin from our country.

In addition, Virginians for Medical Freedom **formally requests permission to have one principle member present an oral comment** during the October 18-21 meeting.

Thank you,

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