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Ms. Esther Barajas-Ochoa,

I support OEHHA's proposal to list glyphosate as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer under Proposition 65.

California law requires that "[s]ubstances listed as human or animal carcinogens by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)" be listed under Proposition 65. IARC is an arm of the World Health Organization, and the world's leading authority on cancer.

Despite the campaign launched by Monsanto and other chemical companies to discredit IARC and its findings, the only relevant question for OEHHA is whether IARC has, in fact, determined that glyphosate is a human or animal carcinogen. The answer is yes.

IARC concluded that: "There is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of glyphosate." This sufficient evidence derives from multiple studies in which glyphosate, when administered in the diet, caused carcinomas or other tumors in the kidneys, pancreas, liver and/or other organs of experimental mice and rats.

There is no doubt that both the use of and exposure to glyphosate has increased tremendously over the past two decades. Glyphosate is the most heavily used conventional pesticide in the U.S., and is sprayed on more acres than any other pesticide in California. Glyphosate is detected in the air, water and rainfall, in foods, and in human urine and blood.

California farmers, farmworkers, farm communities, and consumers deserve to know that glyphosate has been found to cause cancer in animals. Please list glyphosate as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer under Proposition 65.

Sincerely,

Steve Chandler

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