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Major Coalition Delivers 400,000 Petitions to EPA Demanding End of Glyphosate Use

Care2, SumOfUs, CREDO, Friends of the Earth, Beyond Pesticides, Organic Consumers Association Join Moms Across America at Rally Outside White House Followed by March to EPA

Washington, DC – Today, a large coalition of national organizations delivered over 400,000 petitions to the EPA demanding an end to glyphosate use in America. The groups held a rally outside the White House before marching over to EPA headquarters. The event organized by Moms Across America and Care2 was also joined by Organic Consumers Association, Beyond Pesticides, Friends of the Earth, SumOfUs and CREDO Action.

This comes the week after news reports of the European Union indicating they will renew the license of glyphosate, despite fierce public outcry, for another 10 years. Though the approval, due this month, will have considerable restrictions, America citizens say these restrictions are not enough. The EPA's finding that glyphosate is "not likely to be a carcinogen" yesterday has these organizations inclined to believe the EPA will renew the license of glyphosate, an act which many say, due to health implications, America cannot afford.

"The EPA is simply ignoring hundreds of scientific studies showing harm. The fact is that plenty of science shows that the contamination of glyphosate in our wine, beer, tap water, urine, breast milk, cotton products, cereal and breakfast foods is a major contributing factor to America's skyrocketing illnesses. This widespread contamination of this probable carcinogen, neurotoxin and endocrine disruptor must stop. The EPA MUST revoke the license of glyphosate now and protect the people, not the profits of the chemical companies. " - Zen Honeycutt

"This is a pivotal moment for the EPA and the United States government, where they have the chance to show how much they value the health and safety of the people of the United States by revoking the license of glyphosate. More than 400,000 concerned citizens have signed petitions demanding that the EPA take responsible action against this toxic chemical. There is an outpouring of concern and anger about our government's continued appeasement of corporations that do not have our best interests at heart. We will hold the EPA accountable, and we challenge the EPA to demonstrate its commitment to democracy and to our well-being."

"Tragically, the EPA's preliminary cancer finding doesn't only contradict the WHO determination that glyphosate is a probable carcinogen. It also contradicts the lived experience of many members of the Organic Consumers Association and people in the US around the world who have been exposed to glyphosate and now have cancer. There's a word for the harm Monsanto has caused with poisons like Roundup and Agent Orange: ecocide. Ecocide should be a crime and Monsanto should be charged. That's why OCA is helping to organize the Monsanto Tribunal at the Hague on World Food Day."

"The current science confirms that glyphosate and Roundup are anything but safe. This probable carcinogen has no place on our lawns or foods. We have safer, alternative methods of managing

our lawns and growing food that do not rely on glyphosate or other toxic inputs. It is time that EPA recognizes its responsibility to move away from hazardous and unnecessary pesticides," says Nichelle Harriott, science and regulatory director, Beyond Pesticides.

"Glyphosate continues to be pushed onto the marketplace despite mounting evidence that it causes environmental harm and was found to be probably carcinogenic by the World Health Organization. Consumers and communities worldwide are sick of putting the corporate profits of multinationals before sound science and public health -- it's time to take it off our shelves." Rosa Kouri, Campaigns Director.

"Clear science shows glyphosate is harming our environment—leading to the decline of monarch butterflies and the ecosystems we depend on for sustainable food and farming systems. We are at a critical moment to end the use of this pesticide. We urge EPA to act immediately."

"If the EPA continues giving Monsanto a free pass to poison our food, it will be making a mockery of its mission to 'protect human health and the environment,'" said CREDO Climate Campaigns Director Elijah Zarin. "There is ample evidence that Roundup poses myriad risks to our health, yet the EPA has relied on shoddy, outdated, industry-funded studies to turn a blind eye," Zarin continued. "It's time for the EPA to get out of the pocket of Monsanto and start protecting our health."

About

Moms Across America is a national coalition of unstoppable moms raising awareness about GMOs and toxins in our food and environment. Their motto is "Empowered Moms, Healthy Kids."

Care2 (www.Care2.com) is a community of 34 million standing together for good. People are making world-changing impact with Care2, starting petitions and supporting each other's campaigns to help individuals, animals and the environment. A pioneer of online advocacy since 1998, Care2 is a B Corporation, or social enterprise, using the power of business as a force for good.

The Organic Consumers Association (OCA) is an online and grassroots non-profit 501(c)3 public interest organization campaigning for health, justice, and sustainability. OCA is joining with dozens of global food, farming and environmental justice groups to hold a public examination, the Monsanto Tribunal, for the consideration of the company's crimes against nature and humanity, and ecocide, in The Hague, Netherlands, this year on World Food Day, October 16, 2016.

SumOfUs.org is a global community of consumers, investors, and workers all around the world, standing together to hold corporations accountable for their actions.

Friends of the Earth fights to create a more healthy and just world. Our current campaigns focus on promoting clean energy and solutions to climate change, ensuring the food we eat and products we use are safe and sustainable, and protecting marine ecosystems and the people who live and work near them. www.foe.org Our Bee Action campaign: www.BeeAction.org

Beyond Pesticides, founded in 1981, works with allies in protecting public health and the environment by identifying the hazards of chemical-intensive land, building and community

management practices and promoting healthy, sustainable and organic systems. More information can be found at www.beyondpesticides.org.

CREDO Action, part of CREDO Mobile, is a social change network of 4 million activists, sending millions of petition signatures and more than 100,000 phone calls to decision-makers each year. CREDO Action members also participate in meetings, protests and other direct action for progressive change.

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