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Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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Honorable Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The undersigned are:

Senator Michael Gronstal (D), Majority Leader
Senator John Kibbie (D), President of the Iowa Senate
Senator Thomas G. Courtney (D), Majority Whip
Senator Gene Fraise (D), Chair, Agriculture Committee
Senator Dennis H. Black (D), Chair, Environment Committee

All of the undersigned are writing to you because of our sincere and significant concern with respect to the decision of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to re-evaluate Atrazine.

EPA re-registered Atrazine in 2006 after a 12-year study. EPA's science used fresh, current and definitive data, based on nearly 6,000 studies that supported Atrazine's availability and safe use. Therefore, we believe EPA's September 2009 decision to announce an unscheduled Atrazine review is repetitive and unnecessary.

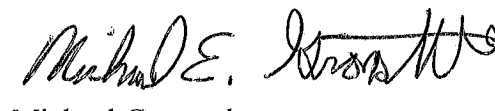
In 2003, the EPA estimated that corn growers benefit by approximately \$28 per acre by having Atrazine available to protect their crops. For the approximately 10 million Iowa acres treated with Atrazine in 2007, that totals more than \$200 million. The EPA stated: "The total or national economic impact resulting from the loss of Atrazine... would be in excess of \$2 billion per year if Atrazine were unavailable to growers." Iowa farmers and growers in 60 countries around the world use Atrazine to produce safe, abundant and affordable crops.


Iowa Corn Growers Association and Iowa Farm Bureau joined more than 50 major agricultural groups in stating grower support for Atrazine to EPA. These groups and their members maintain that the majority of U.S. farmers support Atrazine and stress that EPA use science, not politics, in its deliberations. We wholly concur and stress that EPA utilize only sound scientific principles and procedures in the new review of this vitally important compound.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

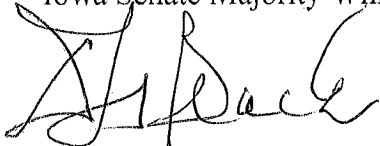
Sincerely,


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