

A sample letter to send to your representatives-

Urge Congress to Ban Glyphosate

Dear

"A worried mother does better research than the FBI." I don't know who said it first, but I know the truth when I hear it. As the mother to a child with Celiac Disease, I have had to learn a tremendous amount to meet the responsibility that I have been charged with - that of keeping my child healthy and helping him to thrive. That is all any mother wants and we want it passionately.

You might not know very much about Celiac. You may think it's just a stomach ache or you just can't eat bread. In actuality, Celiac is an autoimmune disease triggered by gluten in which the body's own immune system attacks the small intestine and possibly other parts of the body when the tiniest crumb of gluten is inadvertently ingested through an omelette cooked on a grill that had pancakes on it earlier or a bit of gluten hiding in the "natural flavors" on a candy's ingredient list. The disease requires diligence and research to manage effectively. Left untreated it leads to mal-nutrition, vastly increased risk of many cancers, osteoporosis, and infertility. In addition some people suffer severe acute gastrointestinal distress or other symptoms after ingesting gluten, even accidentally in a small quantity. Emotionally, it is difficult to not be able to "break bread" in community with other people-be it religious celebrations or spontaneously grabbing a slice of pizza with friends.

What I have learned in my research, through articles such as Anthony Samsell and Stephanie Seneff's article in Toxicology, ["Glyphosate pathways to modern diseases II: Celiac sprue and gluten intolerance,"](#) is that the effects of glyphosate, the main ingredient in the popular herbicide, Round Up, on the human body closely mirrors the effects of Celiac. Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma is a cancer that people with Celiac disease are at greatly increased risk for, even when strictly keeping to a gluten free diet. The risk of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma is similarly increased through exposure to glyphosate. There is evidence that glyphosate may be responsible or partially responsible for the increasing levels of Celiac in the population.

In either case, any parent with a child at increased risk of developing cancer will want to avoid piling on the risk factors. Unfortunately, there is only so much a parent can do. Many of the grain products that we all eat are made with grains that are doused with glyphosate as a desiccant before harvest. The foods that result consequently contain glyphosate residues when they arrive at our table. Every parent wants to reduce their child's risk of cancer and parents of children who are already at increased risk are especially concerned. This is why the Celiac community, those with Celiac disease and those who love someone with Celiac disease, has a favor to ask of you. We want you to use your power to ban glyphosate for good. We want you to use your power to protect our children.

Please sponsor a bill to ban the use of glyphosate altogether and create a healthier food supply for us all.

Thank you,