

## **SAVE THE FROGS! Submission to the US Environmental Protection Agency**

Dear Administrator Jackson, Steve Jackson, Steve Owen and EPA Pesticide Re-evaluation Division,

Amphibians in the United States and worldwide are rapidly disappearing. As the Founder & Executive Director of SAVE THE FROGS!, America's first and only public charity dedicated to amphibian conservation, I represent all 6,810 amphibian species as well as all humans who rely on the multitude of ecosystem services amphibians provide.

Please find enclosed 10,012 signatures from SAVE THE FROGS! supporters requesting the US EPA place a federal ban on the use and production of Atrazine, a widely used herbicide already banned in Europe, for which abundant scientific evidence from laboratories worldwide exists to show its potentially damaging effects to human and environmental health (attached are brief summaries of the biological effects of Atrazine, one by Dr. Jason Rohr and one by Dr. Tyrone Hayes co-authored by 39 other scientists from 10 countries). Please also find enclosed over 130 petition comments submitted by scientists, farmers, students and others in support of an Atrazine ban. You can learn more about Atrazine at:

**[www.savethefrogs.com/atrazine](http://www.savethefrogs.com/atrazine)**

The signatures consist of 2,164 paper signatures and 7,848 electronic signatures collected from [www.savethefrogs.com/atrazine-petition](http://www.savethefrogs.com/atrazine-petition) (5,090 from American citizens plus 2,758 from foreigners). This tally represents collections through May 5, 2011 and has been de-duplicated to the best of my abilities. The signatures represent a cross-section of ages, races, and professions and signify a rapidly growing movement in the United States to ban Atrazine. It should be noted that in recent weeks, supporters of the Center for Biological Diversity and Natural Resources Defense Council have sent an additional 70,000 letters to the EPA requesting an immediate ban on Atrazine.

Thank you for protecting human and environmental health by placing an immediate federal ban on the use and production of Atrazine.

Sincerely,

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