

# Good Riddance RoundUp: Letter to Decision Maker from a Student

Dear *Decision Maker*,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am currently a student at \_\_\_\_\_, and I am writing to you regarding my concerns about the use of the pesticide RoundUp at my school.

As a *Decision Maker*, it is important that you become aware of the evidence showing that exposure to glyphosate, the main ingredient in RoundUp, can cause many negative health effects, such as:

*Use your fact sheet to explain some of the negative health impacts of glyphosate that you think are the most important! Examples:*

***Cancer, asthma, neurological issues, liver disease, reproductive issues etc.***

Pesticides and herbicides are designed to be toxic. The suffix 'cide' is derived from Latin: it means 'to kill'. Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the United States, and can be found in over 750 products sold in the United States. This means that people can be exposed to glyphosate in numerous ways, such as:

*Talk about some of the ways people are exposed to glyphosate. Do they breathe it in? Eat it? Drink it? Touch it? Why is this important?*

Children like me are especially sensitive to pesticide exposure. I like to run and play outdoors, where pesticides are most commonly sprayed. Pesticides can really harm me, because my body - my lungs and my brain - are still developing and growing. Nationally, scientists have found the highest levels of pesticides in the bodies of children like me, compared to everyone else in the US.

*What does this mean for children at your school? What does this mean for you? Use this space to talk about some of the individuals you know whose health may be at risk. If you can't think of anyone, do some research on individuals who have experienced the negative health effects of glyphosate.*

The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer released a report in 2015 that classified glyphosate as a "probable human carcinogen." The health of my classmates, teachers, and school staff, as well as my own, are at risk as long as RoundUp is being used at my school. Will you act to protect our health by banning RoundUp on our campus?

*Provide an example of a school, district, or municipality that successfully banned glyphosate/RoundUp. How did they accomplish this? You can find a list of areas with pesticide restrictions here: <http://www.nontoxiccommunities.com/cities.html>*

I believe that our school should be the next to take action against RoundUp.

Sincerely,  
Your name