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February 23, 2026

The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

The Honorable Brooke Rollins  
Secretary of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Robert R. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, D.C., 20201

Dear Secretary Hegseth, Secretary Rollins, and Secretary Kennedy,

I write to express my concerns surrounding the issuing of the President's Executive Order, "*Promoting the National Defense by Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Elemental Phosphorus and Glyphosate-Based Herbicides.*"<sup>1</sup>

These chemicals, used in certain herbicides, have been linked to cancers across the country, and offering immunity for production of glyphosate under the 1950 Defense Production Act with no oversight or accountability measures risks future endangerment to Americans' health. As our nation's chronic disease epidemic persists, I ask that the Administration remains focused on the positive gains that have been made. The elimination of harmful dyes and chemicals by industry leaders are crucial steps towards improving the overall health of our Nation.

With this taken into consideration, I am requesting answers to the following questions:

1. What is the emergency rationale to offer immunity under the 1950 Defense Production Act?
2. How will your agencies oversee the administration of this Executive Order to ensure the health of Americans is protected and the chronic disease epidemic is being addressed?
3. What policies or proposals are your respective agencies working on to address the chronic disease crisis and removal or limitation of harmful dyes and chemicals in our nation's food supply?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/02/promoting-the-national-defense-by-ensuring-an-adequate-supply-of-elemental-phosphorus-and-glyphosate-based-herbicides/>

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this request for information, please contact my office at (202) 225-4276.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Fitzpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "F".

Brian K. Fitzpatrick  
*Member of Congress*

Cc: President Donald Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington  
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