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By email to: charlie.mcconalogue@oireachtas.ie

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Dear Minister McConalogue,

Re: Upcoming vote on renewal of the licence to use glyphosate in Europe

I am writing to you with regard to a very critical issue – **glyphosate**, a very controversial pesticide - which is a priority issue for the Parkinson's community, as it is for many other diseases, and the environment.

On the 16th of November 2023, there is a scheduled vote in the European Commission's ScoPaff where Member States will need to take a decision on whether or not to renew the licence for glyphosate for a new 10-year period.

This is a critical decision, one that has already been postponed due to a lack of majority, clearly pointing to the fact that there is deep and broad divide within the 27 Member States, which is perfectly normal given the very serious concerns on glyphosate. These concerns must not be overlooked or brushed aside, and I ask you to carefully consider the consequences for the environment, public health, and for people with Parkinson's.

Please reject the vote to renew the licence and ban glyphosate once and for all.

It is simply not acceptable to renew the licence knowing the many concerns out there, let alone that there is no evidence to demonstrate that glyphosate is safe and that there are actually safe alternatives for use. The EU needs to uphold its precautionary principle and protect the environment and public health.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this urgent and critical matter and I trust you will consider this very carefully.

Further information including FAQs can be found in this article <https://www.parkinsons.ie/call-to-ban-glyphosate/>

Yours sincerely,