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ADAM B. SCHIFF
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Colonel Kirk E. Gibbs
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Dear Colonel Gibbs:

I wish to follow up with you regarding the use of glyphosate along the Los Angeles River. Many of my constituents have expressed their strong concerns about the use of glyphosate by the Army Corps, and I ask that you reconsider your vegetation management practices along the Los Angeles River.

As you know, the State of California added glyphosate to the Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm on July 7, 2017. The International Agency for Research on Cancer within the World Health Organization has also listed glyphosate as a potential carcinogen. Recently, Burbank began a one-year ban on the use of glyphosate in city parks, the City of Glendale is limiting the use of glyphosate products, and Glendale Unified School District has also announced that it will no longer use any weed-killing products that contain glyphosate.

The Los Angeles River is frequently visited and used by Angelinos of all ages, and I ask that you reconsider vegetation management practices given widespread and local concerns about the use of this herbicide.

I also respectfully request that you answer the following questions:

1. Are you still using glyphosate now that it has been added to the Proposition 65 list?
2. Are you considering other methods of vegetation management for the Los Angeles River?
3. Can you please explain how much glyphosate will be used along the Los Angeles River, and how often it will be used?
4. Where else in California does the Army Corps use, or plan to use, glyphosate in significant amounts?
5. Can you guarantee that glyphosate will not contaminate the river and thus not affect any of my constituents or life around the areas?

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working together with you to address the concerns of those in the local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam B. Schiff".

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