

Dear Environmental Protection Agency

I am a farmer from \_\_\_\_\_ and I am writing in support of atrazine. *(Please personalize to fit you so that each letter is recognized as being "unique")*

On May 6, 2011, EPA received a petition from the group Save the Frogs, which requested that EPA ban the use and production of atrazine. Atrazine provides many benefits to corn producers, like myself, and is a safe and effective product that has passed all safety requirements in the world.

Atrazine is one of the best technologies in modern agriculture, supporting good environmental practices like no-till farming and helping to fight weed resistance. It is a critical component in at least 59 agricultural products that are used by U.S. farmers and helps increase corn productivity by an average of 5.7 bushels more per acre. Atrazine is used all over the world, in more than 60 countries in Asia, Africa, Australia, South American and the Middle East. In the United States, atrazine is used by corn, sorghum and sugar cane farmers, with it being used on half of all corn acreage, two-thirds of sorghum acreage and up to 90 percent of sugar cane acreage in some states. According to the EPA, if corn, sorghum and sugar-cane growers in the U.S. were not able to use atrazine, it would impact those industries by over \$2 billion per year.

In 2007 the EPA concluded "that atrazine does not adversely affect amphibian gonadal development based on a review of laboratory and field studies, including studies submitted by the registrant and studies published in scientific literature." Atrazine products have been found as critical tools that support land and water conservation, helping to maintain habitats for frogs and other wildlife rather than hurting these animals. Atrazine allows corn producers to be able to produce enough food, fuel and fiber to feed and fuel the world.

Sincerely,

***YOUR NAME***