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I have interviewed six farmers recently in Bennington and Rutland County. I also spoke to Jamie Nolan manager of CaroVail in Salem NY. CaroVail of Salem NY is the applicator who contracts with all six of these farms and custom blends herbicides for both pre-emergence and post-emergence application.

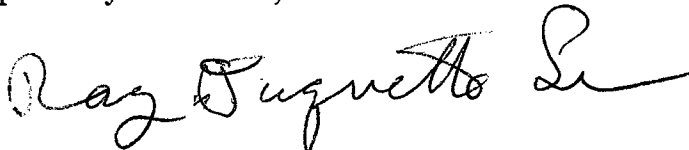
There commitment to limit atrazine and other chemicals is, and has been of utmost importance. They use only the amount necessary to insure invasive weed control, and fields are each analyzed, and the blend is customized for each field, in conjunction with the farmer's nutrient management plan.

Mr. Nolan stated that where he used to use perhaps 2 pounds per acre, they now use 1 pound per acre. This seems to contradict Mr. Allens chart showing an increase rather than an updated reduction of use.

I am not a chemist, nor do I claim to be. I am a farmer, and have been for most of my life. I am merely here to let this joint committee know that the farmers I have spoken with all feel that atrazine, when used properly with other agents, is a cost affective tool and it's use is necessary to grow feed of higher yield, which means the ability to produce more food at a lower cost to the consumer. I would also like to read an email from Karl Strohmeier of Bennington County which I have attached.

I would like this committee to investigate further, the use of atrazine, and to give us more time to "fact check" with other custom applicators, there rates per acre, and what blends are used.

Respectfully submitted;



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My name Karl Strohmaier the owner of Meadow View Farm LLC a dairy farm in Pownal Vermont. I grow over 100 acre of corn and use atrazine

for pre- and postemergence weed control . It is cost effective and is one of the best tools in my weed control toolbox

Tom a Carovail Salem Rep with over 40 years experience scout all my corn fields and we build the proper weed control plan

Bob a Carovail Salem Custom crop protection application specialist sprays my crops

I believe that atrazine when used properly by a *licensed* crop protection applicator in a proper weed control program it is a great product

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