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General Mills  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chairman of the Board  
Mr. Kendall J. Powell  
1 General Mills Blvd  
Minneapolis, MN 55426-1347

Dear Mr. Powell,

The first-ever independent lab test for glyphosate residue by a leading FDA-registered food safety testing laboratory has discovered that five of General Mills' most popular food products, *Cheerios*, *Honey Nut Cheerios*, *Wheaties*, *Trix*, and *Annie's gluten-free Bunny Cookies*, tested positive for elevated glyphosate residue levels. We are releasing our 26-page report today. A copy is attached for your convenience. This report includes a timely, thorough discussion of the potential human health effects of even ultra-low levels of glyphosate.

The laboratory testing of General Mills' products was conducted by the independent, FDA-registered Anresco Laboratories and sponsored by Food Democracy Now! and The Detox Project. I would be happy to arrange a discussion with scientists who are fluent in discussing the most recent peer-reviewed research that elaborates upon the significance of high levels of glyphosate found in the food products of nine U.S. food companies, including General Mills.

Our report also points out the increased exposure risk to glyphosate due to using Monsanto's weedkiller Roundup as a pre-harvest drying agent in wheat, oats, barley and other important food crops. With this submission we ask, as an initial step and show of good faith with consumers, that General Mills stop its practice of buying grains from suppliers that use glyphosate-containing chemicals as a pre-harvest drying agent.

The implications of this report on glyphosate residues are significant and deserve a response from General Mills that demonstrates a commitment to the rising consumer consciousness when it comes to purchases made every day that are consistent with healthy food choices.

We are committed to working with you as General Mills strives to meet consumer expectations while delivering quality products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Murphy  
Executive Director  
Food Democracy Now!