

We need Tschumper to look out for our health and environment

To the Editor:

Thanks to Rep. Ken Tschumper for all the work he does to protect the environment and the health of our families. We're especially grateful for his work to ban Atrazine and chemical drift due to agricultural spraying.

Atrazine, a weed-killer, is linked to prostate cancer, birth defects, premature births and miscarriage.

Many of our wells in SE Minnesota are heavily contaminated with Atrazine due to run-off. Also Atrazine, presumably, is carried by the wind.

In a recent study by the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) and the State Agriculture Department, 9 out of 10 lakes tested in Minnesota included traces of Atrazine. Some of these lakes are in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, far from agricultural areas.

To deny the risks of this hazardous chemical purely for the reasons of convenience and economics is irresponsible and unconscionable.

We need Ken Tschumper in the State Legislature to look out for the health of the people and the environment of Minnesota.

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