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Submission Text:	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on residue limits in food. I am a retired registered nurse at the age of 52 after developing the autoimmune disease Hashimoto's Thyroiditis and subsequent damage to my heart. I have multiple allergies and food sensitivities and some of those sensitivities are transient. For instance, usually, I can eat walnuts, however, the latest packet of overseas walnuts I bought caused a localised reaction in my mouth and lip swelling. In a way, I have allergies and sensitivities that make my body like "the canary in the coal

mine." I'm very concerned by any lessening of any residues limits, concerned that chemicals such as glyphosate which is used in ever increasing quantities and for "off-label" uses such as drying out wheat crops when it rains inconveniently at harvest time and also in Genetically Modified crops are not measured at all. I'm concerned that supermarket or in fact growers market produce is not tested very frequently. Inadequate testing makes food sensitive people like myself vulnerable to long days of discomfort and illness. Bad reactions to food have put me in hospital-coronary care - and that costs big money. It is unfortunate that the real costs of inadequate food testing would not be shown, just the cost of the inspections and laboratories. Long-term, it is impossible to tell if the cumulative effect of residues effect the general health of the population, the health outcomes of small children and the cost "cheap" food has on the ever-increasing health budget. I hope my submission allows you to consider downstream consequences of high residues and not just the short-term benefits to profit-driven producers, multinational chemical companies and cash-strapped government regulators.