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Block Appropriations Provision/Amendment that Takes Away This Right

There are +50 organizations, coalitions, and businesses opposed to this provision.

GOAL



Uphold the right of farmers, consumers, and workers to hold pesticide manufacturers responsible for their failure to warn about the harm caused by their products.

ACTION



Oppose legislation that:

(i) Shields pesticide companies from lawsuits by those harmed from pesticide product use, and (ii) Limits states' authority to regulate pesticides.



REJECT

- The provision, section 453, adopted in the House Interior-EPA Appropriations and full Appropriations Committee, in the final House bill.
- The language of section 453 being attached to the Senate Appropriations bill.
- Section 453 language from being incorporated in the final Appropriations bill.

Read more: <u>Supreme Court Permits Large Jury Verdicts on Roundup, Appeals</u>
<u>Court Finds EPA Registration Unlawful</u>



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The Need for Court Action in the Face of EPA Deregulation



The courts have long served as a venue for farmers, consumers, and workers to hold chemical manufacturers accountable for their failure to warn about the hazards of their products, including potential chronic adverse health outcomes, on the product label.



Label

EPA pesticide product labels are not required to display longterm effects like cancer and reproductive problems that are linked to exposure.



Legal

Section 453 in the House Appropriations bill would, in the future, prohibit cases like those filed by those harmed by glyphosate (Roundup™), who have won jury verdicts and compensation.



Lasting

The House bill language removes the incentive for chemical manufacturers, under threat of compensatory and punitive damages, to develop safer products or remove products altogether — slowing the critically necessary shift to effective less- and non-toxic land and building management practices and products to protect health and the environment.



Law

Legislative history added to the bill in the committee will do little to ensure a fully functioning EPA and court redress.

Read more: <u>Congress Asked To Stop Provision in Approps Bill Blocking</u>
Pesticide Lawsuits on Farmer and Consumer Harm

