

STOP THE PESTICIDE LIABILITY SHIELD

PROTECT AMERICAN FAMILIES, NOT FOREIGN CHEMICAL CORPORATIONS

Foreign chemical corporations are launching a coordinated campaign to secure sweeping legal immunity for pesticide products in the U.S. Through federal legislation, state bills, EPA rule changes and Supreme Court intervention, they aim to shield themselves from responsibility when their products cause harm to American families, farmers and communities.

The legislation stands to:

- **Strip away legal rights:** Legislation would prevent individuals from holding pesticide manufacturers liable—even when companies knew their product could cause cancer, infertility, or neurological harm, as long as the label was followed.
- **Ignore new science:** Shielding companies from lawsuits based on outdated EPA-approved labels blocks victims from seeking justice even when new research shows harm the agency missed or ignored.
- **Put corporations above people:** Legislation creates special protections for chemical companies like ChemChina and Bayer at the expense of American farmers, workers, and families exposed to toxic pesticides.
- **Undermine state authority:** It interferes with states' ability to protect their residents by overriding stronger state-level consumer protection and tort laws.

Current Legislation

While Congress has tried to slide in pesticide immunity shield language into their Farm Bill proposal, the most recent federal-level liability shield is in the **House Appropriations Bill Section 453**. It is a hidden provision that would grant legal immunity to pesticide manufacturers by locking federal agencies and courts into outdated health assessments, even if new science shows harm, or if the original science was fraudulent.

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