

Don't Give Pesticide Manufacturers Immunity for Harming People

Oppose SB 1416 and HB 2763



These bill would bar people from bringing “duty to warn” claims against agricultural manufacturers should the users become harmed. Specifically, they would protect agricultural manufacturers from lawsuits for harm caused by exposure to their chemical products governed by EPA and/or the federal Fungicide, Insecticide and Rodenticide Act. Corporations that by the very nature of their business deal in dangerous products - not because the product has a defect or there was a manufacturing defect, but because the product itself is inherently dangerous to humans - should be susceptible to litigation when their products are not sufficiently labeled warning the user of the health risks. This is attempt to shield large chemical companies from legal accountability for harms they may cause.

Takes Away Ability to Hold Corporations Accountable for Harming People

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Hurts Suffering Farmers and Farmworkers

Those who would bring claims against agriculture manufacturers have usually been farmers and pesticide applicators who were exposed to these chemicals and later diagnosed with diseases such as Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and other cancers. There have been several cases filed against Bayer involving glyphosate and in many cases the harmed parties have received large jury awards and settlements to compensate them for their health harms. While companies like Bayer may feel overwhelmed by the number of lawsuits they have settled and are still in, this is the cost of doing business when you manufacture a product that is inherently harmful and fail to provide adequate warning to the users so that they can make an informed decision about whether to use your product.

House Bill 2763 is Sponsored by Rep. Diehl. Senate Bill 1416 is sponsored by Sen. Brown (16).

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