

American Agriculture at Risk

For over 160 years, Bayer has stood at the forefront of health and safety while producing some of America's most trusted and iconic brands. One such product is the herbicide glyphosate which, sold to farmers as Roundup®, is one of the most important inventions in agriculture in the last 50 years and has been thoroughly evaluated and approved multiple times by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and all other leading safety and regulatory bodies around the world as safe to use.

It has enabled millions of American farmers to have better yields and lower their weed control input costs – and the only group to categorize glyphosate as a probable carcinogen is an affiliate of the World Health Organization, which is not a regulatory body and did no original studies. It puts other everyday things like drinking hot beverages, a barber's occupational exposure, and eating red meat at the same level of safety hazard as glyphosate.

Despite the clear science behind Roundup's safety and benefits, thousands of lawsuits persist in courts across the country, fueled by over \$100 million dollars in expansive marketing and TV ads by the litigation industry to recruit and accumulate plaintiffs.

We win when juries have access to all the relevant evidence and scientific information. So the litigation industry fights

to prevent the EPA's rigorous analysis and science-based conclusion that Roundup is safe to use from being shown in court. Instead, they rely on junk science to mislead juries.

When the whole story is not told, billions of dollars are diverted to the litigation industry. Billions that could have been invested into expanding our leading R&D programs and other important investments – investments that are essential to solving some of the world's most important problems, benefiting both farmers and society.

Why does this matter?

Because the impact of the courtroom will be felt at every dinner table in America. Food prices are already high, but without advanced agricultural products farm yields will go down, farmland will be degraded, farmers' costs will go up, and food prices will rise even more dramatically.

Farming has never been easy. If American farmers lose a critical tool like glyphosate based on the litigation industry's actions, they will face even harder choices. Bayer is the only domestic manufacturer of glyphosate. If this keeps up, farmers will be left with two options – grow less food or rely on foreign supplies of the product.

We plan to continue providing U.S. farmers this vital, valued product so America's consumers and a hungry world can be economically and abundantly and, above all, safely fed. But there's a limit to what we can do. We hope others will soon recognize how high the stakes go, well beyond one product or industry to touch upon fundamental American values and interests.

