



Testimony Regarding HB 2476

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Chair and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am representing American Regeneration, an organization that advocates for farmers' interests and promotes regenerative solutions to restore profitability and vitality to our agricultural communities. We proudly align with President Trump's *America First* policies.

Our farmers actively advise the USDA on agricultural policy and recently participated in the USDA event with Secretary Rollins and Secretary Kennedy announcing a \$700 million investment in regenerative agriculture.

Yet, in our daily work with farmers, we confront a painful truth: our farming families are disproportionately sickened from exposure to agricultural chemicals. The same men and women feeding this nation face higher risks of cancer, neurological diseases, and fertility problems. Rural communities around them experience elevated rates of birth defects and chronic illnesses linked to pesticide exposure.

HB 2476 threatens to strip Kansas farmers of their right to hold chemical manufacturers accountable when exposure leads to illness or death. This is not *America First*, and it is certainly not *Farmer First*.

The EPA label does not guarantee safety. The agency's risk assessments rely overwhelmingly on data supplied by the pesticide manufacturers themselves who have no incentive to supply research that shows harm from the very products they want to sell. The EPA does not perform its own toxicology studies, and independent research is frequently disregarded.

Some of the science the EPA relies upon has been shown to be ghostwritten by industry. For example, a key glyphosate cancer study used by the EPA for two decades was recently retracted after it was revealed Monsanto scientists wrote it and attributed it to independent researchers. Unsurprisingly, that study concluded glyphosate does not cause cancer.

HB 2476 would effectively hand legal immunity to foreign chemical corporations for more than 57,000 pesticide products while Kansas farmers pay the price, too often with their health or their lives.

In the case of glyphosate, Bayer could easily mitigate lawsuits and keep selling the product by including a warning label noting that some research links glyphosate exposure to Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. That would allow farmers to take proper precautions. Instead, this bill asks Kansans to surrender their right to sue Bayer, a foreign company, when they are sickened by its product.

Likewise, Paraquat is strongly associated with Parkinson's Disease. China itself banned Paraquat for that reason, yet ChemChina, which is owned by the Chinese government, seeks legal protection in Kansas while continuing to profit from sales that endanger American farmers.

Kansas must preserve its state rights to protect its people and not cede those powers to the federal government or to foreign chemical interests.

On behalf of American Regeneration and the farmers we represent, I urge you to protect your constituents' right to legal recourse when tragedy strikes. Vote no on HB 2476.