



**KANSAS TRIAL LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION**

To: Representative Ken Rajhes, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: Callie Jill Denton
Executive Director

Date: January 21, 2026

Re: HB 2476 Pesticide Warning Labels, Elimination of State Legal Remedies

The Kansas Trial Lawyers Association (KTLA) is an organization of attorneys specializing in personal injury, workers compensation, and consumer protection claims. KTLA is opposed to HB 2476 as introduced.

HB 2476 eliminates state legal rights and remedies that protect Kansans injured by exposure to registered pesticides, whether the pesticide is used in a Kansas field or garden, or a restaurant, hospital, or day care center. HB 2476 primarily shields from liability Bayer (a German company) and ChemChina (owned and controlled by the Communist Chinese government) when their products harm Kansas citizens.

KTLA requests that the Committee take no action on HB 2476 pending a decision by the US Supreme Court. On January 16, the Supreme Court decided to take up *Monsanto v Darnell* to determine if Federal law preempts state law. If the Court rules in favor of Monsanto, HB 2476 will be moot. Arguments be held in April 2026 and the case will be decided in June 2026, before HB 2476 goes into effect (if passed).

The Kansas Trial Lawyers Association is opposed to the passage of HB 2476. The impact of HB 2476 on Kansans' rights under state law is significant. Legislative action on HB 2476 should be delayed pending a decision in the *Monsanto* case.