

the Solari Report

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Re: HB 809 / SB 527

To the Members of the Tennessee General Assembly:

I am writing to you today as the publisher of the Solari Report and as a person grateful to live in the farming community of Hickory Valley in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

Solari is dedicated to fostering individual and state sovereignty. Tennessee House Bill 809 / Senate Bill 527, currently under consideration, poses a significant threat to the well-being of Tennesseans and our farmers by undermining the integrity of the judicial process and restricting the fundamental right to a jury trial, denying individuals the opportunity to have their case fairly adjudicated by their peers. This right is protected under Article 1, Section 6 of our state constitution.

I urge you to reject this legislation in its entirety and consider the broader implications of shielding pesticide manufacturers from accountability under the guise of regulatory compliance.

At first glance, this legislation might appear to streamline regulation or reduce frivolous litigation. However, a closer examination reveals a dangerous erosion of accountability that undermines the rights of Tennesseans to seek justice when harmed by toxic chemicals. The assumption that an EPA-approved label inherently guarantees safety or full disclosure is a fallacy—one that ignores the realities of regulatory capture, corporate influence, and the limitations of the EPA's oversight under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

The EPA's approval process for pesticide labels is not a gold standard of scientific rigor or public protection. It is a bureaucratic mechanism often swayed by the very industries it seeks to regulate. Time and again, we have seen evidence of pesticides—like glyphosate—approved by the EPA, only for subsequent litigation and

independent research to uncover health risks that were downplayed or omitted from those labels. By tying liability solely to EPA approval, this bill strips citizens of their fundamental right to hold corporations accountable when those labels fail to warn of known or foreseeable dangers.

This legislation serves the interests of multinational chemical corporations like Bayer—the mastermind behind this and similar bills being pushed across the country—at the expense of Tennessee’s farmers, consumers, and rural communities. If manufacturers face no risk of litigation for inadequate disclosure, what incentive remains to ensure their products are safe or their labels truthful? The answer is none.

This bill risks turning Tennessee into a testing ground for unchecked chemical experimentation, with our citizens bearing the cost in health, environmental degradation, and economic loss. If Tennessee wishes to maintain a healthy, growing tax base, it cannot do so by allowing multinational corporations to poison its farmland and communities without consequences.

I urge you to vote no on HB 809 / SB 527.

Sincerely,



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