

“The Durnell decision underscores why strong federal oversight is more essential than ever. If injured people are locked out of state courts to remedy corporate misconduct, then EPA must fulfill its legal obligations to evaluate pesticides rigorously, require accurate warning labels, and remove dangerous products from the market and/or mitigate their harms when the science demands it. The decision similarly elevates the role of Congress: to place the public’s rights over corporations’ profit margins. And it reaffirms the role we all must play, by continuing to speak truth to power and demand our representatives protect the public interest, not corporations.” — **George Kimbrell, co-executive director and legal director at Center for Food Safety.**

“The Court’s decision today is a tragic setback for public and environmental health, allowing companies that produce toxic pesticides to evade the most basic of responsibilities, warning consumers that their products may cause cancer and other deadly diseases,” **said Jay Feldman, executive director of Beyond Pesticides.** “In an age of deregulation, the ability of farmers, farmworkers, and consumers to hold chemical manufacturers accountable for hazard warnings is the keystone to minimum protection of public health, as demand in the market for the safest possible products grows daily,” Mr. Feldman continued.

“As we talk with city, county, and town officials across the country and state elected officials, they need to know these inherent deficiencies in the federal law and the ill-informed analysis of this Supreme Court decision. The facts implore officials to act, to stop the use of toxic pesticides and transition to alternatives to protect the sustainability of the environment.” — **Jay Feldman, executive director of Beyond Pesticides.**

“We need federal legislation to reverse the Supreme Court decision. U.S. Representatives Chellie Pingree and Thomas Massie on Monday...introduced the *People Over Poison Act* which reverses the federal preemption of state tort law for failure-to-warn, a simple fix.” — **Jay Feldman, executive director of Beyond Pesticides.**

“This decision is a major blow in the effort to hold corporations accountable for making us sick, preventing regular people – including many of the farmworker women [campesinas] who we represent – from utilizing our state court system to defend their bodily health after toxic pesticide exposure without warning of the risks. This decision will have generational impacts that our farmworker communities will have to shoulder today and into the future.” — **Elizabeth Cordero, board member of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas.**

“Bayer argued that it needed legal immunity to protect farmers’ access to crop protection tools. As Farm Action has repeatedly pointed out, farmers have other options beyond Bayer. Farmers should not be used as an excuse for a multinational corporation to avoid

accountability when its products cause harm.” — **Angela Huffman, president of Farm Action.**

“We are disappointed by the Court’s decision, but this fight is far from over. No corporation should be allowed to use its market power or political influence to put itself above the law. We will continue defending the fundamental right to seek justice.” — **Angela Huffman, president of Farm Action.**

“Legislative fixes can help protect families who find themselves in this situation. Recently, the House stripped out language from the Farm Bill that would have granted pesticide manufacturers immunity from failure-to-warn lawsuits. It should now amend federal law to make explicit that FIFRA does not preempt state failure-to-warn claims.” — **EarthJustice**

“By shielding Monsanto from accountability, the Court has overturned their own precedent and stripped away the legal rights of cancer patients, Parkinson’s sufferers, and countless others harmed by toxic pesticides, and undoing billions of dollars in settlements awarded by juries to cancer patients in the process. The Court has also tied the hands of state legislators who have fought tirelessly to protect their communities. While this decision will have far-reaching repercussions, it is not the end of our fight. We will continue standing with state leaders to pursue every available path to protect community health and hold corporate chemical interests accountable.” — **EJ Juárez, State Innovation Exchange Executive Director**

“No industry should be above the law, especially not an industry that makes products linked to cancer, infertility, and other serious health harms. But the story doesn’t end here. We’ll keep fighting in the courts, the EPA, and halls of Congress for a future that is free of toxic pesticides — a future where the health of our farmers, farmworkers, families, and environment comes first.” — **Sarah Starman, Senior Food & Agriculture Campaigner at Friends of the Earth.**