

## **DEAR SENATOR,**

We, the undersigned organizations, support efforts to protect Missouri farmers' access to American-made crop protection tools. Trial attorneys, and activist allies, are litigating modern crop protection tools out of existence. Failure to act now could force American farmers to rely on hostile adversaries, like China, for critical inputs, creating uncertainty and increasing the cost of food for working families.

Legislation like HB 544 in Missouri clarifies and affirms that any pesticide registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and sold under an EPA-approved label, is sufficient to meet all federal and state health and safety warning requirements. This policy cuts red tape, confirms science-based rulemaking, and reinforces the foundational concept that once a product has met rigorous federal standards, that process must not be undermined through contradictory or duplicative labeling mandates that threaten businesses or producers.

Under current law, the EPA conducts extensive scientific review of pesticide products before approval, including mandatory label language to communicate health and safety risks. Lawmakers must codify that the EPA label is sufficient to protect those who rely on a consistent national standard—including farmers who need reliable access to approved crop protection tools, small businesses that face increasing compliance costs, and consumers who deserve clear, uniform information about product safety.

Importantly, this legislation does not create blanket immunity for manufacturers, nor would it shield companies from liability in cases of fraud, misrepresentation, misuse, or noncompliance with EPA regulations. Consumers have multiple legal pathways. Instead, HB 544, and legislation like it, ensures that compliance with EPA-approved labeling is recognized as legally sufficient, upholding the authority of the federal regulatory framework and preventing conflicting mandates from undermining it.

Further, this legislation also advances a broader national interest: Strengthening America's agricultural and economic independence. In an era of increasing reliance on China for agricultural and chemical inputs, it is critical that we avoid overregulation that could drive production offshore. Passing this legislation would reduce our reliance on China—the only other country that produces key ingredients found in certain crop protection tools—by helping maintain a stable, domestic marketplace supported by clear, science-based regulatory guidance. Ensuring regulatory clarity and consistency promotes domestic resilience and helps protect the integrity of our agricultural supply chain.

We urge you to support this legislation and stand with Missouri farmers, manufacturers, and businesses who feed and supply our nation—while advancing the conservative values of federalism, accountability, and economic freedom.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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