

# CROP PROTECTION TOOLS HAVE A BROAD COALITION OF SUPPORTERS

## HEAR WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT STANDING WITH FARMERS

### Secretary Brooke Rollins, Department of Agriculture:

"The EPA is arguably the most rigorous, most data backed, the most scientifically backed deep review process in the world ... To approve any product that is used by our farmers, it will have gone through years upon years upon years of research." Public Statement. Sept. 9, 2026.

### Kansas State Sen. Scott Hill: Our farmers feed America. Our Senate should have their backs:

"Without access to proven crop protection tools, crops will die long before the harvest. Weeds and pests will invade, leaving farmers with little or nothing to sell, and no reliable way to support their families." The Heartlander, Mar. 13, 2026.

### Dr. Sasha Kaiser, Toxicologist and Emergency Medicine Doctor:

"Large epidemiologic studies, including the Agricultural Health Study following more than 50,000 pesticide applicators over two decades, have not demonstrated increased cancer risk associated with real-world exposures." Tallahassee Democrat, May 23, 2026.

### Gerard Scimeca, Chairman and Co-founder, Consumer Action for a Strong Economy (CASE): It's time to restore sanity to pesticide labeling:

"What's needed is straightforward: legislation to protect labeling uniformity. When the Environmental Protection Agency approves a pesticide label after years of scientific testing and review, that label should be the law of the land. And there are three good reasons to reaffirm this policy." Citrus County Chronicle, Dec. 15, 2025.



"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." Coalition Letter. Center for Individual Freedom, Apr. 29, 2025.

### Miles Pollard, Economic Policy Analyst with the Center for Data Analysis at The Heritage Foundation:

"Across the pond, the European Food Safety Authority said in 2023 that it found no "critical areas of concern," and the European Commission renewed glyphosate's approval through 2033. Similarly, the European Chemicals Agency concluded that the available evidence did not justify classifying glyphosate as carcinogenic, mutagenic, or reprotoxic." Gorge Country Media. Mar. 20, 2026.

### Representative Glenn "G.T." Thompson, United States House of Representatives:

"If we allow this labeling to be conducted state by state, it's going to create confusion and people are going to get hurt. Not only will [it] raise the cost of food production, it puts at risk the farmers who are applying it." Politico. Jan. 12, 2026.

### **Debby Ponton, Dickinson County GOP Chair: Our Farmers Face An Uncertain Future:**

*"Unfortunately, there are some in the legislature who are listening to anti-ag agitators funded by out-of-state special interests. These dark money groups deal in misinformation and pseudo-science, oftentimes mimicking "conservatives" and pushing radical agendas that seek to undermine our state's agriculture industry." Abilene Record-Chronicle, Feb. 19, 2026.*

### **Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Department of Health and Human Services:**

*"If these inputs [pesticides] disappeared overnight, crop yields would fall, food prices would surge, and America would experience a massive loss of farms even beyond what we are witnessing today. The consequences would be disastrous." X post. Feb. 22, 2026.*

### **Blake Hurst, Former American Farm Bureau President: Farmers cannot feed America if courts prevent pesticide access**

*"If American companies are forced to stop making pesticides and other crop protection products, it will raise operating costs and hurt our ability to compete. Decisions made by our elected leaders shape what happens in our fields, and at our kitchen tables. When farmers lose access to the tools that keep crops healthy, the entire system becomes more fragile. Higher costs, lower production, and an unstable supply chain all follow." St. Louis Dispatch. Dec. 21, 2025.*

### **Jacob Handsaker, Iowa farmer and business operator: Continued access needed to crop protection tools:**

*"Today, however, farmers are facing a new set of challenges. Activist groups are increasingly pushing policies that could significantly undermine modern agriculture ... The crop protection tools we rely on are rigorously reviewed and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, and they play a critical role in helping farmers maintain strong yields while reducing soil disturbance and conserving resources." Iowa Falls Times-Citizen. March 18, 2026.*

### **Kentucky State Sen. Jason Howell:**

*"Kentucky should not impose conflicting standards when federal experts have already established clear, science-based labeling requirements, SB 199 keeps our state in line with federal law, provides consistency for businesses and farmers, and ensures accountability remains." Public Statement. March 5, 2026.*

### **Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden, Department of Agriculture:**

*"[FIFRA preemption] could make the difference in between whether America is able to retain its status as the innovation leader in agriculture or whether we potentially have a threat to lose that crown because we're going to let juries second guess PhD experts who've spent decades at this work." National Ag Law Center Webinar. Jan. 21, 2026.*

### **Kansas State Rep. Ken Rahjes:**

*"If every state had its own label, who knows what products would even be available. This bill keeps the system consistent and workable." House Floor Debate. Jan. 29, 2026.*

### **Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau President:**

*"Farmers take seriously our responsibility to use crop protection tools responsibly to ensure safe, healthy food. EPA's rigorous review process and reliance on sound science to approve these products gives us confidence they can be safely applied. Under this proven process, growers need timely approvals of critical herbicides, insecticides, and other pesticide products to prevent bugs and weeds from destroying the crops that feed America." [Coalition Letter](#). Feb. 5, 2026.*

### **Jared Nash, Kansas Soybean Association Director and Farmer:**

*"Regulatory certainty matters. We need confidence that the products we are legally purchasing and applying according to label directions won't expose us or our suppliers to unpredictable litigation. This uncertainty makes manufacturers hesitant to register products in our state." [House Ag Hearing](#). Jan. 21, 2026.*

### **Mark Jackson, Iowa farmer: Lawmakers must stand with farmers**

*"These tools we depend on are essential. They are EPA approved, but only after stringent, extensive testing and ongoing monitoring by USDA and FDA. Without modern tools that shield our crops from pests, vicious weeds, and other crop-killing threats, our ability to keep family farms sustainable will disappear." [The Iowa Gazette](#). Jan. 9, 2026.*

### **Kentucky State Rep. Ryan Bivens:**

*"You know that's what we deal with in agriculture. Margins are tight. If I lost chemicals or pesticides on my farm, it would probably mean another \$3 million worth of equipment purchases because I'd have to buy massive tillage equipment to stay ahead of planters. I would lose out on ground that I'm farming now because it would not be able to be produced upon because of tillage." [House Ag Hearing](#). March 11, 2026.*

### **Scott Metzger, American Soybean Association President:**

*"Pesticides approved by EPA undergo extensive scientific review to ensure they meet strict safety and efficacy standards, and timely, predictable reviews under federal law are essential so farmers can access innovative tools and remain competitive and sustainable." [Coalition Letter](#). Feb. 5, 2026.*

### **Josh Roe, CEO, Kansas Corn:**

*"For over 30 years now on a majority of our land, we've implemented vital conservation practices like no-till and cover crops—what today gets called 'regenerative agriculture.' These practices are only made possible by the crop protection tools that could be protected under this bill." [Senate Ag Hearing](#). Mar. 9, 2026*

**LAWMAKERS SHOULD LISTEN TO THE FARMERS, SCIENTISTS, AGRICULTURE LEADERS, AND THEIR FELLOW POLICYMAKERS WHO ALL AGREE:**

**CROP PROTECTION TOOLS ARE SAFE AND ESSENTIAL.**

**FARMERS NEED THE CERTAINTY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION.**