Viewpoint: Iowa farmer explains support for state bill to restrict suits against manufacturers of glyphosate and other pesticides that follow federal guidelines

I was proud to join my Iowa Senate colleagues in passing <u>Senate File 2412</u> this legislative session. As a farmer, I know how important glyphosate is to raising crops. This legislation protects the future of domestically produced crop protection products, like Roundup, and ensures Iowa farmers have the tools they need to feed our growing population.

Unfortunately, out-of-state special interests and the litigation industry have been pushing false claims about this bill.

For 50 years, health regulators around the world have repeatedly <u>concluded that glyphosate products can</u> <u>be used safely</u>. And yet, the litigation industry continues to bring lawsuits against the product and the company Bayer.

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Senate File 2412 would simply ensure that any pesticide registered with the EPA — and sold under a label consistent with the EPA's own determinations — is sufficient to satisfy requirements for health and safety warnings. It does not preclude anyone from suing pesticide manufacturers. It only affects the health and safety warning labels that already have an extensive regulatory process in place.

Glyphosate-based herbicides are farmers' best tools to protect their yields. Many farmers already operate on paper-thin margins. Without access to the proper tools, these margins would be pushed to their breaking point, causing family farms to suffer, saddling consumers with even higher grocery bills.

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