

Protecting Americans from a Chinese Military Company's Immunity Grab

Why Would We Give Legal Immunity to a PRC Military Entity That's Harming American Farmers?

1. ChemChina: A Chinese Military Company Operating in the United States

- **Identified by the Pentagon:** The U.S. Department of Defense designates **ChemChina** as a "[Chinese Military Company](#)" operating in the United States.
- **State-Owned, CCP-Controlled:** ChemChina functions under the direct authority of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), representing not just corporate interests but also military and national strategic interests of the People's Republic of China.
- **Ownership of Syngenta:** By acquiring Swiss-based Syngenta in 2017, ChemChina inherited a massive agrochemical footprint—one that now dominates sales of paraquat in the American heartland.

Why are we granting a Chinese military company complete and total immunity when they put profits over American lives and farms?

2. Paraquat: Causing Parkinson's, Banned in China, Sold to Americans

- **Banned in China and over 70 Countries:** Despite its extreme toxicity and proven links to Parkinson's disease, paraquat remains legal in the U.S.
- **Severe Risks to American Farmers:** Studies show chronic exposure to paraquat can damage dopamine-producing neurons, a hallmark of Parkinson's disease. Thousands of farmers have filed lawsuits alleging cover-ups and withheld safety data.
- **ChemChina's Knew:** Syngenta (ChemChina's subsidiary) knew decades ago that paraquat accumulates in the brain and poses serious risks. Internal records reveal extensive efforts to hide or downplay this danger to regulators at EPA.

Giving a Chinese military company total immunity for lying to regulators about harms caused to farmers and families is both a public health crisis and a threat to our agricultural stability.

3. The Proposed Legislation: Immunity for a Foreign Military Company

Legislative Text Excerpt:

"A pesticide ... which displays a label approved by the EPA ... is deemed to have a sufficient warning or instruction ... under any common law duty to warn."

- **Sweeping Immunity:** As long as ChemChina's product label is rubber-stamped by the EPA, no farmer or property owner can hold them accountable for harm caused by paraquat.
- **This includes violations of Federal Law:** This legislation protects ChemChina even when they violate FIFRA's misbranding rules and deceive, mislead, or fail to provide adequate instructions.
- **Preemption of State Laws:** This legislation overrides local juries and traditional property-rights protections, centralizing power in the EPA who has been misled by ChemChina in the past.
- **Immunity even if they lie:** This sweeping immunity applies even if the company lies or covers up evidence of harm caused by their product. With no accountability, there is no safety.

This bill effectively offers the People's Liberation Army-affiliated ChemChina a "get out of jail free" card for covering up the dangers and poisoning U.S. farmers and families.

4. Why ChemChina's Immunity Is a Grave National Security Threat

- **Foreign Military Influence in U.S. Agriculture:** America's farming community is critical to our food supply and economic security. **Giving a Chinese military company free rein to profit at the expense of our farmers' and families health undermines our sovereignty.**
- **Eroding U.S. Legal and Property Rights:** Americans farmers depend on strong property rights. Granting immunity to a CCP-controlled company overrides these bedrock protections.
- **Harming U.S. Farmers and Families:** Farmers who develop Parkinson's or endure financial ruin from crop damage can't seek justice when ChemChina or other foreign chemical companies hide behind an EPA label. Americans shoulder healthcare costs while ChemChina collects the profits.

We cannot allow the CCP's military arm to place American lives and property at risk. This gives them total immunity from any possibility of legal accountability.

5. EPA's Poor Oversight: A Reason Courts Must Remain Involved

- **History of Coverups:** ChemChina has a history of fraudulent or incomplete submissions, from the IBT Labs scandal to internal "SWAT team" memos discrediting independent scientists.
- **Rare, Outdated Reviews:** Paraquat and other pesticides go years—even decades—without full EPA re-evaluations. Meanwhile, evidence of Parkinson's links keep mounting.
- **Regulatory Capture:** Former EPA officials and whistleblowers confirm undue industry pressure. EPA protects profits over people. Why would we trust EPA to police a Chinese military-company?

This legislation eliminates accountability for manipulating the EPA or the EPA process. It places all power in a single federal agency by eliminating individual rights to seek accountability.

6. Public Outrage: Americans Oppose Immunity for Chemical Companies

- **Across the Board Opposition:** 89% of Americans—including 84% of farmers and 87% of Republicans—oppose giving any chemical company immunity from lawsuits.
- **Concerns About EPA:** Over 95% worry that the EPA depends too heavily on corporate data rather than independent science.888888
- **Overwhelming Opposition to Foreign Immunity:** Bi-partisan opposition to foreign companies—especially one tied to the Chinese military—getting around accountability is overwhelming.

Voters do not want Chinese military companies who violate federal law shielded from accountability—especially when it comes to poisoning our food supply.

8. Conclusion: Reject Immunity for a Chinese Military Entity

- **Stand for American Sovereignty:** Allowing a Pentagon-designated "Chinese Military Company" to escape accountability endangers our national security and violates our national principles.
- **Protect Farmers' Rights & Health:** American farmers—who put food on our tables—deserve the right to hold ChemChina accountable in U.S. courts if they are lied to about pesticide safety.
- **Demand Real Accountability:** Immunity undermines the free market, property rights, and the rule of law. We must reject any attempt to place ChemChina above American justice.

Vote No on Pesticide Immunity, Defend U.S. sovereignty, states' rights, and the American people.