To: Interested Parties
From: 314 Action Communications Department
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RE: FACT SHEET: RFK Jr. and MAHA's Glyphosate Dilemma

RFK Jr.'s long-held opposition to the use of **glyphosate has become a wedge issue for the MAHA coalition,** following his recent support of Trump's executive order expanding its use and offering immunity for chemical manufacturers like Monsanto and Bayer. **His hypocrisy is the ultimate betrayal to MAHA voters and is fracturing the movement.** Even RFK Jr.'s strongest allies are turning on him.

As the MAHA base breaks with RFK Jr. and the Trump administration, 314 Action asks all pro-science leaders to take this opportunity to hold him accountable. This issue presents a direct threat to the popularity of MAHA's food agenda, and voters need to know about RFK Jr.'s hypocrisy and corruption.

BACKGROUND:

- Herbicide glyphosate, better known as the active ingredient in the weed killer Roundup, is a pesticide largely associated with multiple kinds of cancers and developmental disorders.

- RFK Jr. spent decades opposing the use of glyphosate, including **winning a $290 million lawsuit claiming the ingredient contributed to his client's cancer.**

- **Even as HHS Secretary, RFK Jr. warned against environmental toxins, naming glyphosate, in his "Making Our Children Healthy Again" report in May 2025.**

- Trump's executive order seeks to increase the supply of phosphorus for reasons "crucial to national defense, " offering "immunity" to producers of glyphosate from litigation.

- Members of Trump's DOJ signed a new *amicus brief* to the Supreme Court, urging the court to provide immunity for German pesticide company Bayer.

- This comes just days after members of Congress introduced the *No Immunity for Glyphosate Act*, a bipartisan bill to ensure chemical manufacturers of glyphosate are not immune from civil liability and stop the implementation of Trump's EO.

- RFK Jr. previously expressed support for Trump's EO saying, "Donald Trump's executive order puts America first where it matters most — our defense readiness and our food supply."

- Just days later, RFK Jr. posted a lengthy explanation doubling down on his support—but then backtracked his remarks on Joe Rogan's podcast that same week. This led to even more backlash from the MAHA base and high profile MAHA activists.
    - Tom Renz on X: "You were involved in the glyphosate fight and know this story better than anyone. This is a bad move—a favor to horrible corporations like Bayer—at the expense of regular people"
    - Zoe Honeycutt, of Moms Across America, called Trump's order "an egregious offense to what he promised" and "a betrayal."
    - MAHA Proponent Jillian Michels on NewsNation called the order "devastating"
    - Health Ranger went so far as to say the Administration is "participating in chemical warfare against Americans."

- In a desperate attempt to damage control, Trump's White House arranged a private meeting with MAHA Moms and leaders ahead of the midterm elections. The meeting directly followed the backlash from Trump's Executive Order and RFK Jr.'s support. It was newly revealed that Erika Kirk was behind arranging the meeting with MAHA Moms.

- Between RFK Jr.'s support and Trump's push to offer full immunity to companies like Bayer, it's clear that **RFK Jr. will say or do anything to enrich himself and his allies with financial gain and political power.**

- **He must answer why, after he has made millions suing Monsanto, he believes other Americans should neither be protected from the effects of glyphosate nor be able to sue for damages.**

Background on Supreme Court Case on Glyphosate:

- Oral arguments begin on April 27, 2026

- Monsanto is appealing a jury verdict from Missouri which awarded a plaintiff $1.25 million after he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma after years of exposure to glyphosate in Roundup.

- SCOTUS will decide if Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) preempts state failure-to-warn claims where the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not required the warning.

- **Monsanto's argument:**
    - Monsanto cannot add a cancer warning to its product labels without the EPA's approval, and the EPA "has determined—repeatedly—that glyphosate does not cause cancer in humans."

- **Ramifications:**
    - If SCOTUS sides with Monsanto, it will impact over 100,000 lawsuits—making it almost impossible for Americans who are injured/become sick from pesticide products to take legal action against companies like Monsanto, giving them near immunity.

- **Polling:**
    - 314 Action and Data for Progress conducted a national poll surveying 2,350 voters, and found 3 in 4 voters support limiting pesticide use in agriculture (76% support, 47% strongly support).

    - Most Americans are worried about pesticides and oppose shielding companies from lawsuits over hazardous products, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted ahead of SCOTUS arguments involving Bayer's.
        - It found that 78% of respondents are concerned about pesticide use in food crops
        - Including:
            - 81% of Democrats
            - 78% of Republicans
            - 77% of independents

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