

Bayer Asks Appeals Court to Again Cut Roundup Damage Award Owed to California Groundskeeper with Cancer

“Bayer is asking a California appeals court to trim \$4 million from the amount of money it owes a California groundskeeper struggling to survive cancer that a trial court found was caused by the man’s exposure to Monsanto’s Roundup herbicides,” reports Carey Gillam in *U.S. Right to Know*.

“In a ‘petition for rehearing’ filed Monday with the Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District of California, lawyers for Monsanto and its German owner Bayer AG asked the court to cut from \$20.5 million to \$16.5 million the damages awarded to Dewayne ‘Lee’ Johnson.”

“The appeals court ‘reached an erroneous decision based on a mistake of law,’ according to the filing by Monsanto. The issue turns on how long Johnson is expected to live. Because evidence at trial found Johnson was expected to live “no more than two years,” he should not receive money for future pain and suffering allocated for any longer than two years – despite the fact that he continues to outlive predictions, the company argues.”

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