

Massie and Pingree introduce bipartisan 'No Immunity for Glyphosate Act'

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Washington, D.C. - Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY) announces the introduction of the bipartisan No Immunity for Glyphosate Act (HR 7601). The legislation will undo the February 18 Executive Order that promotes the use of glyphosate and insulates manufacturers of the chemical from liability. Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) is the co-lead on the legislation.

"If the goal is to 'Make America Healthy Again,' the federal government should not be using its authority to promote or protect the production of glyphosate," said Rep. Thomas Massie. "The February 18 Executive Order expands production of this chemical while granting liability protections to manufacturers. Congress should ensure that Americans retain their right to seek a remedy in court if they believe they have been injured by this product."

"If there was ever any doubt about whose side this Administration is on, this Executive Order makes it crystal clear: Big Chemical comes first, and the health of Americans comes last," Rep. Chellie Pingree said. "Calling glyphosate production a matter of 'national security' is absurd. Invoking wartime authorities to ramp up production while opening the door to liability shields for chemical companies is dangerous and indefensible. This Executive Order has nothing to do with protecting farmers or feeding the country—it's about protecting corporate profits and insulating polluters from accountability. The No Immunity for Glyphosate Act draws a firm line: chemical companies do not get immunity or government-backed profit boosts because Washington cut them a deal, and Americans do not lose their right to seek justice when they've been harmed. I'm proud to work with Rep. Massie and colleagues on both sides of the aisle to

uphold that basic principle, because protecting people from toxic exposure should never be a partisan issue."

The February 18 Executive Order invokes wartime authorities to expand and prioritize domestic glyphosate production and confers liability protections for companies participating in federally mandated manufacturing. Because the order explicitly directs and compels the production of glyphosate, manufacturers may argue that their production, formulation, and distribution were undertaken pursuant to federal directive - a defense that could be raised in litigation involving alleged injuries linked to glyphosate exposure, potentially shielding manufacturers from liability.

HR 7601, the No Immunity for Glyphosate Act:

Prohibits the use of federal funds to implement the Executive Order, preventing federal agencies from using appropriated funds to administer or enforce the directive; and

Affirms that glyphosate manufacturers are not immune from civil liability, ensuring that manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers cannot claim immunity under the Defense Production Act, federal contractor defenses, or other federal authorities, while preserving the right of injured individuals to pursue claims under federal and state law.

Original co-sponsors of the No Immunity for Glyphosate Act include Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO), Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC), and Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA).

The No Immunity for Glyphosate Act has been endorsed by Farm Action Fund.

The text of the No Immunity for Glyphosate Act is available at https://massie.house.gov/uploadedfiles/no_immunity_for_glyphosate_act1.pdf.

Senate Bill 141 advances to the House for consideration

KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES

Senate Bill 141, a KLC initiative sponsored by Senator David P. Givens (R-Greensburg), has passed the Senate and now advances to the House for consideration.

SB 141 modernizes Kentucky's public notice statutes through a collaborative effort between the Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Association of Counties, and the



David P. Givens

Kentucky Press Association.

The bill provides practical updates that clarify where and how legal advertisements are published, establishes clear and uniform publication timelines, enhances public access through digital posting requirements,

and ensures public agencies receive fair and predictable advertising rates.

SB 141 also addresses challenges faced in areas with limited qualifying newspapers and expands remedial provisions to protect local governments from compliance issues caused by publication errors - all while preserving transparency and public access to legal notices.

UK awarded \$7.2 million for overdose prevention research for women transitioning from jail to rural communities

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KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

University of Kentucky researchers have been awarded a five-year grant, projected to total \$7.2 million, from the National Institutes of Health to test overdose prevention strategies for women transitioning from jail back into rural Kentucky communities.

The new project is supported by the NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse as part of its Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network (JCOIN), a nationwide program that tests strategies to expand effective treatment, recovery and related services for individuals involved in the criminal legal system.

Women involved in the criminal legal system face elevated overdose risk during the vulnerable period of community re-entry due to factors including unaddressed trauma, mental health needs and relationship dynamics with substance use. Prevention approaches targeting these unique needs remain limited, especially in underserved rural areas.

The new study, co-led by Michele Staton and Carrie Oser, aims to determine what approaches are most effective at preventing overdose and increasing treatment engagement during this high-risk reentry period.

The project is Phase II of the Kentucky Women's Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network. The first phase focused on connecting women in jail to medications for opioid use disorder through telehealth and peer navigation services.

"We are so grateful to be able to continue this research to serve some of the most vulnerable women in our state," said Staton, a professor in the UK College of Medicine Department of Behavioral Science and a faculty associate of the UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research. "We had successes with JCOIN1 in linking women to treatment after release, but about 4% of our participants reported a nonfatal overdose after release. This project allows the opportunity to more intensively target overdose prevention



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Carrie Oser, left, and Michele Staton are co-leading a new \$7.2 million NIH-funded study testing overdose prevention strategies for women transitioning from jail back into rural Kentucky communities.

efforts for women in rural communities."

"Women with substance use disorders are at an elevated risk for an overdose when released from incarceration due to reduced tolerance, and building up access to treatment and supportive networks will reduce harm and keep them safe," said Oser, Di Silvestro Endowed Professor and University Research Professor in the UK College of Arts and Sciences Department of Sociology. "Our overall goal is to prevent overdoses. We can't get someone into treatment or reunify them with their family if they've had a fatal overdose. Preventing overdoses is the critical first step."

The five-year clinical trial will enroll 300 women with opioid or stimulant use disorders from three jails in rural Appalachian Kentucky. The study will test three evidence-based interventions — recovery coaching, support person engagement and contingency management — in different combinations.

All women will receive recovery coaching, which connects them with

trained mentors with lived experience with substance use recovery and criminal legal involvement, employed by Voices of Hope, a recovery community center in Lexington. Recovery coaches provide personalized support, helping individuals access treatment and recovery resources.

Before their release from jail, women will be randomly assigned to receive recovery coaching alone or recovery coaching combined with support person engagement, which involves identifying and involving a trusted friend or family member in the individual's overdose prevention plan. After release, some women will also receive contingency management — a behavioral therapy that provides rewards or incentives for meeting overdose prevention goals.

The team will follow participants for one year after release to measure overdose risk and treatment outcomes. The study will also assess how acceptable and practical the interventions are by gathering input from both the women and the providers working with them.

REMEMBRANCE

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truth among believers, anticipating His return. I've served communion in churches, prisons, and correctional facilities throughout the years, and I currently work with a jail ministry preaching the gospel, baptizing, and serving communion, where I remind everyone how serious this is. First

Corinthians chapter 11 says that whoever receives these elements unworthily will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. They absorbed damnation to themselves, and some have literally died. Never allow the ceremony to become a dead and formal ritual, or come to the Lord's table with unconfessed sin. Personally, when I take communion, I embrace this as entering into the holy presence of God. A sacred time and place of repentance,

asking forgiveness, being cleansed, and made presentable to become one with Him. I imagine Jesus hanging on the cross, and what great love that caused Him to willingly die to save me. It's a deeply meaningful moment of remembering and appreciating.

Dr. Holland is a licensed and ordained minister, a certified chaplain and teacher, and a Christian author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

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