Greetings!

This month’s newsletter highlights two great national victories that hold toxic pesticide producers accountable—while also signaling the alarm on discouraging news regarding the administration’s efforts to promote agro-chemical industry interests, regardless of pesticide impacts on the public.

But take heart—we are almost at the mid-term elections, and in our country, we can vote for lawmakers with integrity who are committed to protecting the health of all life and our planet.

**TAKE ACTION**

*On the national level…*

- **Monsanto/Bayer deserves our vote for the Corporate Hall of Shame:** This August a jury found Monsanto fully liable for $289 million in health damages caused by its herbicide, Roundup. Monsanto recently merged with pesticide giant Bayer, to increase the power of this behemoth. [Vote here](#) to nominate Bayer (still Monsanto) as this year’s most shameful corporation.

*Get out the vote in Maryland…*
Besides making sure you vote in the upcoming mid-term elections, can you help get out the vote? The foundation of our democracy is our right to vote. We can support candidates who care about the health of our babies, bees, the Bay, equality, and the urgent need to address climate change. Our well-being and sustainability is a bipartisan challenge.

For upcoming League of Women Voters (non-partisan) candidate and issues forums go here. Organizations like Maryland League of Conservation Voters (MDLCV) provide opportunities to support candidates that care about the environment and environmental health. For more information contact Allie Gilbreath at agilbreath@mdlcv.org. You can also find MDLCV’s 2018-2019 issues guide is available here.

GOOD NEWS!

- The 9th Circuit Court orders E.P.A. to uphold its 2015 ban on chlorpyrifos, the pesticide tied to harming the developing child’s brain. Read more.

- Monsanto (now owned by Bayer) is ordered to pay $289 million in Roundup cancer court case. Read more.

MORE NEWS & VIEWS

Speaking of Bayer/Monsanto and Roundup…
- Bayer-Monsanto mega-merger "could spell disaster for farmers, pollinators and affordable, healthy food." [Read more.]

- Breakfast with a dose of Roundup? [Read more.]

In Addition…

- Backed by agrochemical companies, the current administration wants to restrict how human studies are used in rule-making. [Read more.]

- DDT (outlawed in 1972) still found in food residues linked to an increase in autism risk. [Read more.]
- Congrats Perdue for launching sales of a budget conscious organic chicken, and its consumer driven! Did you know that now organic food sales are growing nearly six times as fast as the overall food market? [Read more.]

- When the menu says "organic" but not all the food is. [Read more.]

- Most mattresses on the market are full of chemicals that can harm your health. [This EWG guide](#) provides great information on how to buy a healthy mattress for cribs and beds.

- Check out Cornucopia’s new report: [Decoding Pet Food: Adulteration, Toxic Ingredients, and the Best Choices for Your Companion Animals](#) here.

- And, check out Cornucopia’s updated Dairy Scorecard – rating dairy companies from organic to conventional - [here](#).

For resources on all things organic, including organic on a budget, go to GoOrganicMd.org

Please help us continue to protect our Babies, Bees and the Bay.

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POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ

- Major new study on the expanding global impact of pesticides on bees - read here.


- Help us identify and call to task Maryland retailers who continue to illegally sell pollinator-harming outdoor products containing neonicotinoids here.

TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

- Tips for a non-toxic back-to-school here.
- Household dust can include harmful chemicals
- here's how to reduce it.

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