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USA: Bayer seeks Supreme Court review of \$87 million penalty

On March 21, 2022, Bayer [asked](#) the US Supreme Court to review a 2019 [judgment](#) awarding \$86,7 million to a California couple, Alva and Alberta Pilliod, for their personal injury. The jury considered Roundup herbicide as the probable cause of the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) that both Alva and Alberta are suffering after years of using Roundup.

After the California Court of Appeal rejected Bayer's appeal on August 9, 2021, Bayer sought review of the judgment at the California Supreme Court. This was rejected on November 17, 2021. The company is now going to the US Supreme Court, claiming that the legal proceedings against it should be dismissed on the grounds that the weed killer is safe, according to federal regulations. It also

claims that it is unconstitutional to award punitive damages that far exceed compensatory damages.

The Supreme Court is also considering whether or not to hear a similar appeal by the company in the case against Roundup user [Edwin Hardeman](#), for which it was ordered to pay \$25 million in damages.

Facing numerous Roundup lawsuits since its disputed takeover of Monsanto, the glyphosate producer, these appeals to the Supreme Court are part of the company's [legal strategy](#).

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