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## Lawyers aim to derail Roundup settlement

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WASHINGTON – Lawyers behind a Supreme Court case about whether the makers of Roundup can be sued over cancer claims are trying to derail a pending \$7.25 billion class-action settlement with the company that could resolve many of the lawsuits.

The lawyers called the settlement a “sweetheart deal” for the company that won’t adequately compensate people who believe they’ve been sickened by the herbicide while offering too much protection for Monsanto.

They also filed papers on May 22 to move the case from state court to federal court, where it could be taken over by a judge who has criticized the deal.

“This class action was filed not to litigate active claims, but to launder a liability-management scheme through the courts,” the lawyers wrote.

Their filing is expected to at least delay a looming June 4 deadline for people who believe they’ve been harmed by Roundup to decide whether to participate in the settlement.

The move also increases the chances that the deal won’t be finalized before the Supreme Court either backs or blocks thousands of lawsuits claiming the weed killer needed a cancer warning label. A decision is expected by early July.

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