



“My son had no reason to believe his life was at risk when he went to work on a Friday afternoon in October of 1990.”

Karen Borst

But it was.

Bradley worked as a farm hand part-time after school in Genoa, New York. That day he was operating a machine that grinds and mixes corn. Because the power take-off, or spinning drive shaft, had no protective guard, it caught his jacket and pulled him into the machinery. He did not survive.

Manufacturers know that the power take-off is deadly. Yet they violated basic engineering standards by making the guard easily removable.

It was sold without any instructions or warnings about the dangers of operating the machinery without a shield over the power take-off.

Thousands of young people are injured and killed by dangerous farm machinery every year.

Yet **the Wrongdoers Lobby** wants to change our laws so that a manufacturer is no longer responsible ten years after its dangerous and defective product is first sold.

Under their proposal, the manufacturer of the machinery that killed Karen Borst's son would have had no legal responsibility—even though farm equipment is meant to last for decades.

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