### RAYMOND GRUENDER ON THE ENVIRONMENT

### **Highlights:**

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  - The pesticide, Chlorpyrifos, was proven to cause developmental issues in children's brains after increased exposure.

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• November 2023: Gruender Was Part Of The Majority That Ruled To Remove The Ban. According to The Hill, "The ruling comes from Judges Lavenski Smith, Raymond Gruender and David Stras, two of whom were appointed by former President George W. Bush and one of whom was appointed by former President Trump." [The Hill, 11/2/23]