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Senators Senators Roblan, Baertschiger, Burdick, Close and Prozanski,

I have been informed by Gregg Marchese of GMO Free Jackson County and Joy Sunflower McEwen from the Holland Loop Area of Cave Junction... (541 592 5483) that they are calling for Action and that 'Gmo-Free Jackson County' has worked hard for over a year to put a measure on the '14 ballot to ban the growing of gmo crops in the County. And that they were succeeding.... until...

Now, that the Oregon State legislature is considering a Preemption Bill--SB633- -which would make the regulation of seed and the products of seed only the State's jurisdiction. Jackson County's ballot measure to ban gmo's would be nullified.

and that... The State Legislature has a step-by-step process before this Bill is passed.

And that they have a step-by-step strategy. Which is...

Step #1: Kill it in Senate Committee.

And that... The Senate Committee for Rural Policy and Economic Development will be working on the Preemption Bill.

I know that we can influence these Committee members with our letters and emails...

and that... If we only write 1 testimony, we should send it to the Committee Administrator: Racquel Rancier at racquel.rancier@ state.or. us and use Use Subject Line: 'Opposed to SB 633'... and to Say, 'My testimony is for the public hearing.'

Well, I'm doing MORE than that! Please don't skip this message because it looks like all the others...?

I DO OPPOSE SB633, but for more than the reasons stated in the original statement sent around... and include things that you may not know.

Date: March 7, 2013

Dear Senators

Senate Bill 633 is a poorly considered and disasterous agricultural policy bill. It is also an attempt to reach into areas that the Government does NOT have the constitutional Authority to regulate. The Right to LIFE encompasses the right to LIVE, to do so by every effort one can muster, including growing one's own FOOD!

While the Government MAY have deligated authority to protect the Public from HARMS, Dangers or Threats, there is no threat from SEEDS that are native or generic to the human diet and medicinal needs.

Instead, you should be preventing dangerous GMO seeds from being planted or cultivated anywhere in the entire state, because it is known that GMO crops CAN, DO and WILL contaminate local species. Locally, here in Josephine County I know of several dozen agriculturalists and gardeners that grow heirloom crops and heritage Vegetables, as do I, that would be devastated by GMO contamination.

If passed, "exclusive regulatory power" over agricultural seed would be given to the state. The State has no business regulating production, distribution, sale, or use of these common, heirloom and heritage seeds!

These types of seeds are vital and necessary to maintain the safety and security of the whole global food chain...

As with many THOUSANDS of species of now lost forever, in both the PLANT kingdom as well as the ANIMAL kingdom, all native, heirloom and heritage seeds for food, flower and medicinal usages, which have been and still are a part of our human history, and the power to use them for every day uses and survival, is part of our human makeup and nature, our LIVES depend upon them and our very existence as a species ourselves, depends on them... therefore the power to 'REGULATE' their use... (for want of a better word...) lies solely with the people!

The premise of this bill is that the state is better at determining the economic benefits for every county in Oregon by regulating seeds, the essence of farming. Besides the fact that all Counties are not a 'one size fits all arrangement', and that what may work for Lake County won't work in Jackson or Douglas County, there are differing environs within each county that are as diverse as between states and counties. . .

Which of you Senators has a degree in any field of agriculture, botany, biology, genetics, or any other food related science? Do any of you even have a home garden? What professional skills and education do any of you have that qualifies any of you to make this type of determination or any decision as to what is best for farmers anywhere or for the PEOPLE as a whole? Do you even know what will grow in my backyard?

The state really has no business in determining what is best when it comes to seed policy.

Since Each county has unique characteristics and economic opportunities which sustain the diverse farming industry AND the 'Seed Culture', The PEOPLE are the logical governing unit for seed policies so fundamental to farming and our very LIVES!

Every year in many Counties, seeds are saved, swapped, packaged, sold and germinated to suit the needs of the community and to preserve the existence of each variety of seed, which if LOST due to regulations, will be even MORE food sources no longer available and lost forever because they, too have become 'economically inviable'! There are hundreds of examples of such losses.

Just look at this image to see a quick example of just a part of the total losses we have sustained at:

[http://www.fastcodesign.com/multisite\\_files/codesign/imagecache/inline-large/post-inline/food-variety-tree-754.jpg](http://www.fastcodesign.com/multisite_files/codesign/imagecache/inline-large/post-inline/food-variety-tree-754.jpg)

Note that this image is only for COMMON VEGETABLE varieties, does not include fruit, nuts, berries, rootstocks, wildcraft species, herbs, flowers, bulbs, fungi, or any FAUNA lost prior to the associated study for these others I have listed!

For Example... There were once over 1,500 varieties of APPLES growing wild in America... now there are less than a hundred, and only a few are produced commercially and sold nationally! Unfortunately, the other 1,400 or so are already lost to humanity forever!

See: <http://www.fastcodesign.com/1669753/infographic-in-80-years-we-lost-93-of-variety-in-our-food-seeds> for a more complete scope of our losses! We, as a people, cannot afford to lose even a single species of seed! We are in peril of our very existence!

Food Production levels have declined in the past several generations of our family farmers to the point that if just 10 percent of the largest commercial agricultural operations in the U.S. are destroyed by any force, we would lose an estimated 70% of our HUMAN and Commercial Vegetable, Fungi, Fruit, Meat and Poultry Species and food producing capacities.

It is for this reason that I believe that Neither Federal, State or even the County Governments level bureaucrats should determine seed policies which will undoubtedly be undermining the fabric which knits farming into the entire economy of a county and its communities, as well as the entire Global Economy and seed diversity, which are integral with and VITAL to, the whole global biosphere...

If we lose the ability to produce a single locally grown product, we have to IMPORT a replacement, placing additional burden on the production in foreign economies.

What is to be gained by the state fixing what's not broken? Leave it to the PEOPLE's ability to best determine, maintain, and support the vitality and economic development of the local farming economy, and thus all of Oregon.

I Urge you ALL to Oppose SB 633. It represents yet another onerous and usurpatious attempt at governance and is generally just bad State policy.

I will continue to collect, grow and propagate every variety of seed I can obtain, regardless of any LAW... because it is necessary for not only MY OWN SURVIVAL, but for that of the whole WORLD!!!

Justice Bouvier's opinions and MAXIMS of Law state that:...

*Contractus ex turpi caus, vel contr bonos mores nullus est.* A contract founded on a base and unlawful consideration, or against good morals, is null. Hob. 167; Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4.

*Lex est ratio summa, quae jubet quae sunt utilia et necessaria, et contraria prohibet.* Law is the perfection of reason, which commands what is useful and necessary and forbids the contrary. Co. Litt. 319.

*Necessitas facit licitum quod alias non est licitum.* Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is unlawful. 10 Co. 61.

*Nihil magis justum est quam quod necessarium est.* Nothing is more just than what is necessary. Dav. 12.

Nihil quod est contra rationem est licitum. Nothing against reason is lawful. Co. Litt. 97.

Nihil quod inconueniens est licitum est. Nothing inconvenient is lawful.

Quod est ex necessitate nunquam introducitur, nisi quando necessarium. What is introduced of necessity, is never introduced except when necessary. 2 Roll. R. 512.

Quod est necessarium est licitum. What is necessary is lawful.

Quod pro minore licitum est, et pro maiore licitum est. What is lawful in the less, is lawful in the greater. 8 Co. 43.

**NO ONE MAY VIOLATE these Maxims of LAW... Not even the Government at any level!**

The loss of 93% of our FOOD seed is a disaster, whether or not any of YOU recognize it or NOT! Making the saving and perpetuating all seed varieties a vital necessity for the survival of the whole human race!!

This testimony is for the public hearing! I hope you realize the ludicrous nature of this bill and stop any attempt, now or in the future to regulate anything to do with seeds or crop selection based on some ill conceived notion of 'economic viability' or needs.

It is this very same 'CULTURE' of economic preference or choices that caused the loss of 93% of our seed base!

I encourage you all to take a long, deep, hard look at the whole concept of seed or crop regulation! You are risking the lives of the whole country!

Respectfully,

Jason Brown

Josephine County, Oregon

P.S. To Me, SB 633 appears to be just another attempt to usurp powers and generate regulatory fees and grow government to keep bureaucrats and private corporations alike feeding at the public trough and is another ill-conceived attempt at legislation of something unnecessarily for something that is not in need of any intervention.

How long before this regulatory scheme becomes 'Too Big to Fail' and has to be further supported by more of our TAX Dollars?

Please STOP! Just STOP IT! Don't sign anything, and make no compromises! Just say NO! to G.M.O.! and seed and crop regulation!

In Fact, You should all start your own gardens and support yourselves by growing heirloom and heritage seeds for profit... you would be making more money than in your current efforts to control the people.

Remember this, too Senators... you work for US, WE voted you into office, we can vote you OUT. We INSTRUCT our public servants, we do NOT let them RULE US!

While I may CHOOSE to be GOVERNED by those I elect and support, I do NOT consent to be RULED over like a SERF or SLAVE or CHATTEL or to being HEARDED like a flock of SHEEP!

I do Appreciate your service to our State and Communities, and to the People, and I support your efforts where necessary and wise, but you have gone overboard here.

I will be following this issue with keen interest. If you do not act accordingly, I will then decide what further action might be needed and act as I see fit.

As I said, I will cultivate, harvest, preserve, package and sell, or give away any seed of any nature that is vital to the Global Food Biodiversity and for everyone's Survival, including Mine, Yours and everybody elses.

Thank you for your time and, I hope, your compliance.

P.S.S.

I welcome your response and encourage it. This is a 'Policy Debate' protected by the 1st, 9th, 10th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

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