Opposition to SB633

March 5, 2013

Dear Committee Administrator Rancier,

Significant opportunities exist for counties to specialize their seed production, as long as Senate Bill 633 does not pass. If the State of Oregon looks ahead, significant economic opportunities could be captured by pursuing niche seed markets in the years to come. If we enable counties to specialize in non-GMO seed production, for example, Oregon farmers could find themselves with priceless genetic information in their hands. Not genetic information that has been engineered, but God's and nature's original copies. This information is priceless. Allowing a few determined counties to pursue this economic opportunity poses no threat to the booming GMO seed production industry.

Oppose SB 633. A diversified economy is a strong economy. And every county is not the same. One size does not fit all. Leave it to the county's ability to best determine, maintain, and support the vitality and economic development of the local farming economy, and thus all of Oregon.

Oppose SB 633. It represents bad State policy.

Respectfully,

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