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To: Rancier Racquel
Subject: testimony for SB 633

Dear Committee,

I strongly oppose SB 633. I purchase locally grown seeds to support local agricultural commerce, and because I can visit the farms where these seeds are grown, giving me full confidence in their quality and suitability for our climate and conditions. Seed integrity is vital to a growing and thriving small farms resurgence in Jackson County, where I live. Our soils and growing seasons favor seed production, and many young farmers have been developing excellent seed growing businesses.

In Jackson County, these young farmers are the agricultural entrepreneurs of our day. I strongly oppose a statewide legislation that strips them of their right to advocate for safeguarding local practices! I object to legislation that makes our family farms vulnerable to larger, multinational corporations that have the leverage to silence the voices of the working agricultural entrepreneur. Please do not support SB 633. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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