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**Subject:** SB 633, testimony for public hearing

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Attention: Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee  
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bill 633

Please can you include this letter in the testimony for public hearing? Thank you kindly.

Dear Committee Members,

Good day. As an Oregon resident, I respectfully ask you to retract Senate Bill 633. I am very concerned (and honestly appalled) that the Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee would propose stripping agricultural seed control from individual Oregon Counties and give it to the state. Local agricultural control and specifically seed control, is a long standing Oregon value and necessity. As we both agree, agriculture in the state of Oregon is of paramount importance. Because of this importance it is clear to me that it would be devastating for the state government to determine and enforce what is best for each individual county. The individual counties know what is best for their unique market, economics, ecosystem and microclimate. SB 633 suggests otherwise. It is a poorly crafted agricultural bill which ultimately favors bureaucracy and corporate interest over intelligence of each county with it's elected officials. Seed policy should be kept in the control of each county and it's residents. For this reason I strongly urge you to retract this bill and refocus your efforts on empowering local communities as is the wish of the majority of Oregonian farmers and residents.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hamar  
Josephine County