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To: Rancier Racquel
Subject: OPPOSE SB 633 - Please submit as testimony for public hearing

Dear Senate Hearing Committee,

I stand with many Jackson County residents in opposition to SB 633. As you know, Jackson county residents have worked very hard to get an initiative on the May 2014 ballot to ban GMO crops. Senate Bill 633, would strip counties in Oregon of their abilities to craft appropriate county-wide seed policies. SB 633 would give exclusive regulatory power over seeds, and products of agricultural seed, to the state, preempting local authority. This would make it impossible to establish local policies which put restrictions or prohibitions on genetically engineered crops.

Please help Oregon families in our support of all the organic farmers and seed growers in our beautiful state, and oppose this bill.

GMO seeds damage the gene pool not only by contaminating the genetics of seeds, but through the continued loss of heirloom varieties. For countless generations farmers and gardeners have saved their own seed. This genetic wealth of seeds has been passed down in families and shared with friends and neighbors.

Please support your constituents by allowing each county to guide its own agricultural policy. Seed and agricultural issues are unique to each climate, culture, and business community. Please oppose SB 633 so our county can maintain control of our regional economic and agricultural future.

Sincerely,
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