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I am writing to voice my objections to State Bill 633.

As a family gardener, there is no greater joy than growing your own food. And when that food is grown from seeds you saved out yourself from the previous season, it becomes something special. Your micro-climate, your selection of plants, your watering schedule... They all contribute to producing a unique product. To a non-farmer or non-gardener, this may seem like nothing big, but in the wine industry the French refer to it as terroire, and a wine's terroire can mean the difference between a \$200 bottle of burgundy or filler for a table red.

Oregon, and Southern Oregon specifically, is a collection of microclimates, each set up to grow wine, watermelon, peas, cranberries or hazelnuts to perfection. Governance of the seeds and plants that make the crops we eat and sell needs to be at as local a level as possible, in order to maintain the terroire of each product. Hermiston melons should ALWAYS taste like they came from Herniston. And I don't buy Ocean Spray cranberries every fall, because I want Oregon cranberries; they do taste different!

The "Buy Local" movement is thriving here, because we know OR makes the best. If our diversity is homigenized, what makes Oregon unique will be gone.

Please save Oregon terroire and vote no on SB 633

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