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From: Oriana Spratt <justoriana@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 8:36 PM
To: Rancier Racquel
Subject: On tomorrow's vote on SB 633, to end local control of GMO farming

Dear Racquel,

Please, don't force GMOs on Jackson County tomorrow. We have worked so hard to protect our precious organic farmers, and our own access to produce that has not been genetically altered.

Thank you for accepting testimony on the GMO issue and the rights of local counties and their residents to decide on this matter. We have a vibrant farming community in Jackson County, as well as Josephine County although I am not a resident there. It is very important to our regional efforts for a sustainable future that our local farmers are able to preserve the integrity of their crops. As a community we strongly support our growers and hope to encourage more young farmers to join their efforts.

Through years of trial and error our farmers know which varieties are best for our climate and culture. There are also many home and community gardeners who can be impacted by your decision. Our seed crops have been lovingly saved for years because they thrive in our region. Please don't let them be contaminated by modified seed stock which will threaten their survival for us and future generations! Please let us decide our own future!

Thank you,
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