

Subject: Fw: Limiting local rights

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Here you go!

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From: Suzi Fry

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Rep.Esquivel

My name is Steve Fry. I farm hear in the Rouge Valley with my main farm in Medford (on Ross lane) and two others, one in Phoenix and the other in Ashland,with a total of 120 acres certified organic.

I am writting to you in regards to this new purposed law that would ban counties from banning GMO crops that you are having hearings on. I must strongly protest. We(the seed growers of Southern Oregon) are currently putting a seed growers association together to help deal with this GMO problem.The problem being pollen trespass.

I have a Sengenta sugar beet grower about a one mile from my farm. For the past 2 years I've been asked to plow down my seed crop to save his,and out of good neighboring I did. This year I told their representative that I was going to grow a beet seed crop,(I sell a lot of table beets).Within two weeks I see his crew planting Sengenta's GMO sugar beets in their rented spot about a 1 mile from my farm. How are we to coexist if they don't get it? I'm hoping a seed association will bring all players to the table to work these issues out.

On the other hand for the State to stop a ban on GMOs doesn't make sence.Sengenta has proven to be bad neighbors,not even adhering to their permit to grow the beets.I signed a sworn affidavied to the USDA APHIS stating , in the past Sengenta did not notify me of their close proximity to my Chard crop destroying it to be sold as Certified Organic.

People in this county are very upset that a company from a different country can upset a local economy, when Sengenta is band from growing in their own country. I've heard you talk about local rights and Government interference.The local counties must have the right to make this decision,GMOs can go to the counties that will have them.

Thank You for your consideration.

Steve Fry

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