

Honorable Senator Alan C. Bates, M.D.  
900 Court Street NE, S-205  
Salem, OR 97301

March 5, 2013  
Re: SB 633 (HB 3192)

Dear Senator Bates:

It is my understanding that this bill would proscribe any local regulation of agriculture in Oregon. I believe that such a law would negatively impact the economy, the health, the livability and the future environmental conditions of our state. I strongly urge you to oppose any such legislation, which would place serious roadblocks in our collective progress toward a sustainable culture.

Some local communities in Oregon favor organic growing methods and heirloom food (and seed) varieties, and have established local traditions in avoiding any genetically engineered organisms (and their windblown pollens) in their areas. Many cottage industries have arisen to help meet the growing global awareness of food issues. Community Supported Agriculture, organic farms, orchards and vineyards, and seed growers rely on local conditions, including local agreements to honor such values. Many communities are moving toward consuming locally-grown food products, which helps keep food affordable, benefits local economies, and assures a healthy, diverse bioregion for future generations. We need local controls to protect the integrity of these products.

Please don't allow the influence of profit-based corporate industry to set standards against the natural living that has always been a feature of Oregon, and which can be a positive model of sustainability for other places. Please defeat SB 633.

Thank you for representing the values of an economically, culturally, and environmentally healthy Oregon.

Yours truly,



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