

Dear Senator Bates:

Please oppose SB 633 (HB 3192), which proposes to prohibit local measures to regulate seeds. This

is an attempt by corporations which produce genetically modified seeds, to continue to contaminate non-GMO and organic produce in our narrow valley.

This will ruin many businesses in our valley, which will in turn produce a ripple-effect downturn in our local economy. This issue - our side - has support among liberals and conservatives.

As a physician, you are aware of useful medical applications of genetics. However, please become aware of negative effects of genetically-modified food on our health. In general, they have less nutrition, less yield each year (so they are not the way to "Feed the World") and require more pesticides and herbicides to survive. There is much censorship of researchers (and pay-off to "tailor" research) done by those in the influence of GMO companies. Meanwhile, disasters from GMOs such as in India, have occurred, while our soil is continually degraded by our soil organisms being killed by the increased herbicides made also by GMO companies.

-Sincerely, Margery Winter 634 Iowa St. Ashland
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