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I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 633 which would strip local counties of the right to make important decisions regarding seed production and seed saving by our local farmers and growers. As you are aware the beautiful state of Oregon has an amazingly diverse topography which fosters equally diverse ecosystems and climates. For this reason it is extremely important that local seed producers in their respective counties be able to determine how seed regulation is implemented, as each county is different. Allowing genetically created and unnatural seed to be loosed anywhere in Oregon is like loosing a bacterium or virus onto a population in germ warfare. This will devastate and ultimately contaminate naturally occurring plant species along with important food source seeds. Please do not support SB 633, once GE crops are allowed, there is no turning back...thus destroying efforts to keep the gene diversity true and vibrant.

GE crops are also a huge threat to the honeybee population--which is already in extreme peril...the unknowns are too great to experiment in the open environment. Along with the studies being released regarding the extra spray required to see these crops through to maturity. It is important to allow Oregonians who are involved with the land and the food production to continue to make growing decisions since they are in touch with the pulse of the land without toxic buildup from glyphosate and genetically trespassed gene material from transgenic pollen. Please do not pass SB633---it is not taking enough into consideration.

It is obvious the bio-tech industry is pushing this--please keep Oregon as Pristine as possible....it is too great a State to contaminate.

Thank you for your time.
Respectfully,
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