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I submitted this testimony for SB633, I had the wrong email address. Is it too late to have the below added to the testimony? Thank You, Arwen McGilvra

I wanted to let you know my feeling on SB633 that your committee will be hearing on Tues. I don't think I will be able to attend the hearing.

I support the seed preemption law. My family has been involved in agriculture for generations, currently the 4th generation is farming ground in Oregon.

I could not imagine the chaos that would result if cities and counties started to pass different laws on biotech crops. Despite the cost to counties to enforce such laws and to pay for court costs when they are challenged, the counties are not technically equipped to enforce them. I'm also concerned about the scientific expertise to make these decisions, counties don't have agronomists or horticulturist or other experts that the FDA, EPA and USDA have. Currently these agencies, and also DOE, review and regulate biotech crops.

I also think that farmers should have the right to decide which crops to grow on their land and which ones are economically viable for their operation.

Please join me in supporting SB633 as it has currently been presented.

Thank you,

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