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Subject: OPPOSE SB 633 Support Small Organic Farms

Raquel Rancier,

Please take the time to consider the repercussions of SB 633 Section 2, Point 3 which says: "The agricultural seed, flower seed and vegetable seed and seed product industries in this state will be adversely affected if those industries are subject to a patchwork of local regulations." I would like to add to this point that in fact for many, it is just the opposite. As an organic farmer in Southern Oregon it is very important that we work to protect our brand (a.k.a. the thing that our customers keep coming back for). Growing our own seeds for the next years planting is something we should not fear but rejoice in. Companies like Syngenta and Monsanto have been polluting the seed stock in Jackson County with GMO sugar beet seeds making it difficult for farmers to grow certain crops for seed.

The state of Oregon must keep its legislative process open, allowing "We The People" access to the rules to keep our seeds GMO free. If SB 633 gets pushed through I fear we will not have access to our rights as citizens of a Democracy.

The timing of this is crucial. Just as GMO Free Jackson County has gained enough signatures to vote on keeping GMO's out of our county The Oregon Farm Bureau is pushing this though before we can vote.

Let the citizens decide! Oppose SB 633.

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