

Dear Beth Reiley,

I am writing to ask you to vote against passage of Monsanto's HB 2509.

I m 72 years old, an MBA graduate, who spent 27 years in Colorado and the remaining in Oregon. I have been a democrat and businessman all my life, believing that government is becoming dominated by large corporations that write their own legislation. Such, I believe is the case with Monsanto.

In Colorado I have seen large corporations (mostly oil and gas) overrun municipalities and state government, jeopardizing the well-being of the state with fracking. In Oregon, I have seen corporate farms and their chemical partners attempt to do the same thing. We already have seen this in suits against communities in Oregon. States like Oregon, and Vermont are the last hopes for stemming the tide.

Please stop this in its tracks. Organic farming represents the possibility of the rise of the small farmer, besides its obvious benefits of food quality. In its infancy it is easily crushed by large corporate interests. My daughter, a Ph.D. in water resource management from OSU, points out many of the potential damages of this agribusiness world that many of us are unaware. The prospects are frightening without regulation and control.

Thank you for your consideration.

James Marshall