

greetings all you Public Servant types,

I received an email from Our Family Farms Coalition about this pending legislation. My personal view of GMOs and Monsanto is pretty negative, and as a scientist I am well aware of the documented problems which are being ignored and bulldozed by Monsanto, AgriBiz and a lot of legislators and other politicians as well as the "news" and misinformation media.

Pollen, as you may know, floats EVERYWHERE. Thus far, Monsanto has been favored in their Machiavellian strategy of "patent infringement" when their GMO genetics show up in farmers' crops who are not Monsanto customers. This is as backwards as it can possibly be. The farmers did not in any way go out and "steal" Monsanto's "property" whether physical or intellectual. Rather, The basic mechanisms of Biology spread the DNA as it has done for 100's of Millions of years. For Organic Farmers, this intrusion is not merely unwelcome, but can destroy their status and business in the Organic Food sector.

These small farmers (and fairly big ones) should be protected against business and legal bullying from Goliath companies like Monsanto -- NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

Unless Monsanto can stop the wind spread pollen of their GMO products THERE IS NO POSSIBLE SCENARIO which supports the coexistence in close geographical proximity of these two styles of agriculture. The only viable strategy is to maintain a large physical distance between GMO fields and Organic Farms. In general stopping the spread of pollen is not possible WHETHER IT IS WIND-BORN OR SPREAD BY BEES AND OTHER INSECTS. Hence physical separation MUST be maintained to give non GMO agriculture its basic rights to do business.

Please do all you can to stop this insanity. Whether or not GMO food eventually is shown to be OK or bad, the basic rights of small businesses are currently being trampled by large and aggressive corporations.

thank you

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