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**Subject:** HB2059

Dear Oregon Senators,

I am so upset to hear that passage of HB2059 may be happening. Please, please, I beg you, stop this from happening. I buy almost all of my food directly from our Oregon farmers. I choose to go the extra mile to provide healthy, humanely raised and organically farmed, not GMO contaminated food for my family. This is extremely important to me and to my family, for our personal health and for our local farming economy. I am so frustrated that big Ag and big government are taking over our rights as citizens of this country and the great state of Oregon.

Please oppose HB 2059 which would effectively force farmers whose crops had been contaminated by GMOs into a biased mediation process that would be orchestrated by the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture. Farmers, like anyone with a dispute, can mediate if they want to, but should not be forced into mediation under the threat that they could be liable for a GMO grower's attorney costs.

Farmers growing traditional and organic crops are being threatened with GMO contamination across Oregon and the Legislature should not support this misguided by backed by Oregonians for Food and Shelter that would make it even harder for farmers to protect their crops from GMO contamination. Also, instead of providing tax payer funds for OSU to echo Monsanto's message that GMOs can "co-exist" with organic and traditional crops, the Legislature should invest in real measures to protect family farmers from GMO contamination.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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