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I encourage you to oppose the proposed HB 3212 as it does not further the goals of maintaining the ability of local communities and the state to protect family farmers and environment without the threat of costly dollars in liability claims. At this juncture of awareness of farming practices on environmental health it seems critical to take a wider view on legislation that focuses on short term benefits to existing entities that don't agree with alternative practices. There are potential impacts to Oregon citizens health and safety concerns in all manners of environmental concerns such as laws protecting water quality, animal welfare, and exposure to farm-related toxic chemicals or contamination of farms by genetically engineered crops. Help maintain Oregons' reputation as a progressive environmental state. Thank you.

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