

To: James Labar, Committee Administrator

Dear Mr. Labar,

I wish to convey my strong opposition to HB 3212 and urge Oregon Senators to oppose this bill that does not support small family farmers and a healthy food system. I am a mother and I'm very concerned with the content of this bill and the health and future for my son. I think this bill would be a huge step backwards and un-do important health and safety measures that the vast majority of Oregonians support, which include protecting Oregon's rich agricultural heritage from GMO contamination. Once there is crossover there is no going back and not only do many oregonian families not want to put GMO food on our dinner table, but our major international trading partners also do not want GMO commodities and this puts our entire economy at huge and unnecessary risk.

This dangerous bill also could put our clean water and rivers at risk. It also doesn't help protect our bees and other pollinators, and we all know that the bee die offs are totally unacceptable and put our food system at risk. Protecting our bees is something that ALL Oregonians (voters) support – it's a bipartisan issue that should unite us in actions this legislative session to protect bees – and HB 3212 is not that law.

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