

Dear House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Member,

I'm writing to urge you vote **for** HB 2469, which aims at restoring farmers' rights, specifically their rights to:

- address their diverse agricultural needs at a community level
- determine what will work best in their agricultural communities, such as creating GE-free zones or other solutions
- protect high-value agricultural crops, such as wheat, alfalfa, and specialty seed.

GE crops pose a great danger to family farms and farmers. GE crops require deadly chemicals that do not bode well for the long term. Ruining family farms is not only bad in the short term for those farmers but also for all who depend on their produce. Let Oregon be a leader in protecting the rights of individuals to determine their own lives and not be co-opted by large corporations.

You have the power to protect us. Please use it responsibly, considering your children's future and all the children yet to come.

Sincerely,

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