

Dear Member of the House Committee on Judiciary,
I'm writing to urge you to vote for **HB 2739 Protect Oregon's Agriculture**. By protecting Oregon's agriculture now, you are also protecting your children's future and the future of children yet to come.

Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. The Legislature needs to act to:

- Hold patent holders responsible for contamination events — not pit farmer against farmer.
- Protect high-value crops in Oregon, such as specialty seed, wheat and alfalfa, which have been put at significant risk by GE contamination.
- Protect communities from the unwanted presence of invasive GE weeds, such as Creeping Bentgrass, another experimental GE crop that escaped field trials and continues to spread in Malheur and Jefferson counties.

These are not small matters, neither for now nor for the long-term future.

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

Sincerely,

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