

Please distribute my comments to each committee member of the House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources. Thank you.

I am contacting you to encourage you to support House Bill 2469, which restores the right of local governments to regulate local agriculture. I feel so fortunate to live in Jackson County and to know that my county is free of GMO crops. Josephine County passed a bill to ban GMO crops, but their right to protect their crops from GMO contamination was pre-empted by the state law preventing local communities from regulating agriculture. As you may know, Oregon alfalfa contaminated by GMO alfalfa could not be sold to Europe, leading to great losses for farmers. Both Jackson and Josephine counties have many seed growers, who should not have to contend with GMO contamination. I am an avid gardener, and I do not want my food contaminated by GMO crops. Please support this bill and restore the right of the people to decide their own values at a local level.

Thank you,

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