

Dear Chair Clem,

- Local counties and cities are not equipped with proper knowledge to regulate agricultural crops °Local regulations of seed would create a significant burden, especially for growers who operate on land that crosses city or county lines °ODA has the plant scientists and expertise to determine if additional Oregon specific regulations are needed
- Different restrictions on seeds in different counties and cities creates a regulatory nightmare for growers, processors, distributors and local governments °Farmers need certainty as they determine what to grow
- GE crops have been rigorously studied and determined not to be substantially different from other crops and pose no unique risks to neighboring growers °USDA, EPA, and the FDA currently regulate GE plants and have in-house expertise °Cost of discovery, development and authorization of a new biotech trait is astronomical, and it takes over a decade to make it from discovery to the commercial market

Sincerely,

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