

To Whom It May concern:

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For a long time, I have wondered why companies who produce GMO seed weren't held to be responsible when their crops contaminated non-GMO crops. In fact, I have read that Monsanto charges farmers money if their non-GMO crops start having Monsanto's GMO traits. I feel that is very unfair. I am glad to see that HB 2739 will allow farmers to take action against GMO producing companies who contaminate non-GMO crops.

I'm glad that the Jackson County voters passed the ballot measure that allowed them to make Jackson County free of GMO crops. I voted to make Josephine County a GMO-free county so that all of the Rogue Valley can be GMO free. This will be a good marketing tool for our farmers to sell GMO-free products nationally and internationally. I believe that it will also help our residents to live healthier lives without GMO crops in the Rogue Valley. Please support HB 2739 so that counties in Oregon can have control of the crops in their local areas. Thank you.

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