

Good day Representative,

I would like to express my sincere support for HB 2469 for the following reasons:

My daughter was diagnosed with 62 food allergies in 2012. I've spent the last nine years researching why and how this could happen and even published a book about it recently, which was reviewed and approved by the lead scientist at MIT, Stephanie Seneff. My background is in criminology, journalism and nutrition, so I'm quite prepared to provide this information for public review and consideration. I'm attaching a PDF copy of my book GMO-Free Child with all of the evidence needed to determine that GMO farming is not in the best interest of our communities, nor our most vulnerable populations. I highly recommend that you peruse the studies in Chapter 2 - "Independent Science" and perhaps Chapter 4 - "The GMO Gut-Brain Connection and the Big Fail."

I think that you will find that this vital information is relevant in your daily life and work.

My daughter gets sick every single time GMOs make their way into her delicate system. I've been logging these dietary outcomes for several years and there is little doubt that this is causing significant harm to her and other children as a result of these newly created food like substances.

Are you aware that glyphosate was patented as an antibiotic in 2010? Do you know why? Because it is very effective at killing bacteria - good and bad.

This includes the good bacteria in your gut and that is where a majority of the immune system resides and where your serotonin comes from. Without these microorganisms, we are vulnerable to a myriad of disorders. That is why we've seen huge spikes in chronic disease and depression in the last two decades. The body can't detoxify itself under these harsh conditions and therefore, depending on the metabolism of the individual these issues will manifest differently in different people. That is why biotech companies don't want labels on GMOs - they know "if you can't track it, you can't control it. As long as consumers are in the dark about what they are eating, companies don't have to take responsibility for the outcomes. Hiding these GE ingredients in familiar foods is irresponsible and amounts to an attack on Oregon citizens and our farmers that don't want to grow these crops.

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. Please restore the ability of local farmers to address their diverse agricultural needs at a community level.

Allow farmers to determine what will work best in their agricultural communities, such as creating GE-free zones or other solutions.

Allow communities to protect high-value agricultural crops, such as wheat, alfalfa, and specialty seed from contamination of GE varieties. Our farmers should have the right to choose the crops that they want to grow without being intimidated and bullied into growing crops that require pesticide use. Our communities should have the right to choose organic food options without concern that they have been contaminated by GE crops and/or pesticide solutions.

Thank you kindly for your consideration in this matter. Please act with integrity in all of your decision making and don't forget to check out the attached book *GMO-Free Child*, which is also available at Barnes and Nobel and Amazon.

Be well,
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