I am writing to ask you to support House Bill 2739 which would protect farmers and communities from contamination by genetically engineered crops by holding patent holders responsible. Repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost farmers across the country billions of dollars. Oregon farmers grow many high-value and specialty crops that are at significant risk of contamination by GMO crops. GMO crop contamination usually pits farmer against farmer. House Bill 2739 would hold patent holders, instead of farmers, responsible for contamination events. We need to support our local farmers, who make valuable contributions to our families and local communities.

Please share my comments with members of the House Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

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