

Dear members of the House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my support for **HB 2469** to restore farmers' rights. In 2013, the Oregon legislature took away the right of local government to regulate agriculture. Since then the legislature has failed to provide any meaningful statewide regulations to protect family farmers from the risks of genetically modified (GMO) crops. HB 2469 would restore the ability of local farmers to address their diverse agricultural needs at a community level by allowing communities to create measures such as GE-free zones to protect family farmers and specialty non-GMO crops.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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