

Administrator Newell,

I have been growing certified organic vegetables and fruits on 20 acres near Canby, Oregon since 1988. It is critical to growers, small growers in particular, to be able to protect their farms from encroachment by contamination with unwanted herbicides, pesticides, and artificially genetically altered germ plasm.

It is time to hold patent holders responsible for the damages their products cause.

I speak in support of HB 2739 and urge you to do the same.

I ask that you distribute this comment to all committee members.

Will Newman II
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"Industrial agriculture uses 70% of the world's agricultural resources to produce just 30% of the global food supply, while small-scale farmers provide 70% of the global food supply while using only 30% of agricultural resources. - ETC Group (www.etcgroup.org)

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