

March 15, 2017

Dear Ms. Newell,

I support HB 2739 that would protect farmers and communities from contamination by genetically engineered crops by holding patent holders responsible. I do not own a business or farm that would be affected by this, but I believe all of us who eat local and organic food are interested in not having our food contaminated by GMO's. I am also appalled that companies who profit from selling GMO seeds and spray that those plants will resist are not held accountable for the damage to health that these products cause. Because that damage generally takes time to show up, it is just now beginning to be documented, but at least one of the companies has a history of having that knowledge, but not divulging it. If in fact there is no damage, then the companies have nothing to worry about.

Please pass my comments on to committee members who will decide the outcome of this bill.

Sincerely,
Susan Board
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