

Dear Ms. Freeman,

In 2013, the Oregon legislature took away the right of local government to regulate agriculture, but since that moment the legislature has not provided meaningful statewide regulations to protect family farmers from the risks of genetically modified (GMO) crops. I believe that remaining free from GMO crops is essential to the viability of farmers who wish to serve consumers who value GMO-free products, but it is also needed to prevent unintended consequences of GMOs and monopolization of agriculture by multi-national conglomerates (like Monsanto) who are relentless in pushing their pro-GMO policies, products, and propaganda.

HB 2469 would defend free-market choices for both farmers and consumers, and it would restore the ability of local/small farmers to address their diverse agricultural needs at a community level. HB 2469 allows local farmers and communities themselves to create measures such as GE-free zones to protect family farmers (and their businesses) and specialty non-GMO crops from so-called "Big-Ag" and the unknown consequences of genetically modified organisms.

Please support this House Bill and kindly distribute my comment to committee members.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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