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Dear Ms. Freeman,

My name is Erik Schmitz, and I live in Portland at 97211. I'm writing to urge you to distribute my comment to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

In this politically uncertain time, HB 2469 would allow Oregon to be a leader in establishing the rights of farmers to band together and decline the introduction of technologies that have not been fully researched.

Yes, this is a tricky subject. Similar legislation could be used to, for example, prohibit LGBTQ rights. However, this is not the case. Unlike with sexual minorities, research shows GE or GMO crops cross-pollinate with non-engineered crops. It also shows that GE crops require more and more use of glyphosate, which the WHO has labeled a probable carcinogen. California is set to label it as such. Let Oregon be on board, too, in continuing to pave the way for progressive, people-focused legislation.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Erik Schmitz