

Misty freeman,

I'm a constituent of Oregon. My name is Sandi Cornez. I live in Portland.  
Please distribute my comment to committee members.

HB 2469 would restore farmer's rights. Local government must have the right to regulate agriculture for their community.

HB2469 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.

HB 2739 would protect Oregon's agriculture. Over the past ten years, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. Oregon farmers grow many high-value specialty crops that are at significant risk of contamination by GMO crops. Creeping Bentgrass, a GMO grass, continues to spread in Malheur and Jefferson counties.

GMO crop contamination usually pits farmer against farmer. HB 2739 would hold patent holders, instead of farmers, responsible for contamination events.

Please support both of these bills HB 2469 and HB 2739.

Thank you,  
Sandi Cornez

"Each Small Kindness , Like A Seed, Grows Tall In Memory"