

Dear Administrator Newell,

Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. Oregon farmers grow many high-value or 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.

We have a small farm on the outskirts of Portland and ask that you support HB2739 and distribute this comment to committee members.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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