

I am writing in support of HB 2739.

I am a farmer and store owner in Josephine County and for 26 years have grown a wide range of fresh-market vegetables as well as Certified Organic seed crops. Included in my seed crop plan for this coming season is beet seed and corn seed. These two crops are at great risk for GMO contamination from neighboring crops, and in fact in prior years GMO corn and beet crops have been grown on nearby properties upwind of my farm.

GE contamination has been a persistent problem since GE crops were first introduced. A great many Oregon farmers of high-value crops are currently at economic risk, through no fault of their own. This bill will put the liability for such risk where it belongs, with the offending party.

Please help protect Oregon's farmers by supporting this bill.

Thank you.

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